



First United Methodist Church

To make more and better disciples of Jesus
Christ for the transformation of the world.

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Surely it is God Who saves me. I
will trust in Him and not be
afraid. For the Lord is my strong-
hold and my sure defense. And,
He will be my Savior.

~ Isaiah 12:2

From our pastor:

I don't often stay up late enough to watch The Tonight Show. I did happen to be watching on the night of Jimmy Fallon's first monologue when he thanked all the previous hosts. He could have said, "And now this stage is mine." Or "I think you will find me to be even greater than my predecessors," but instead he said, "I just want to do the very best I can to take care of this show for a while." TAKE CARE OF--doesn't imply that it is MINE, but instead something to CARE FOR. That's the language of stewardship.

We will be hearing about stewardship in the church over the next month or so. God has given us this church to care for. God has given us the earth to care for. God has given us persons to care for. God has given us so many things to care for in our lives. Mostly for a little while. We don't own anything, we are called to be stewards of many things, to care for them, to use wisely, to value as precious gifts, and to pass them on to others, in God's time.

The topic of stewardship always reminds me of lyrics of a precious old hymn:

*Give of your best to the Master
Give of the strength of your youth
Throw your souls fresh glowing ardor,
Into the battle for truth.
Jesus has set the example
Dauntless was he, young and brave,
Give him your loyal devotion
Give him the best that you have.*

*Give of your best to the Master,
Give him first place in your heart
Give him first place in your service,
Consecrate your every part.
Give, and to you will be given,
God his Beloved Son gave,
Gratefully seeking to serve him,
Give him the best that you have*

Love and Peace,
Jane Taylor, Senior Pastor



October Highlights

October 7 – 5th Sunday Breakfast

October 11 – Skate Inn Family and Faith Night

October 14 – Sunday Funday

October 20 – Gathering for all children and their families

October 21 – Stewardship Sunday – turn in your pledge cards!

October 24 – Trunk or Treat

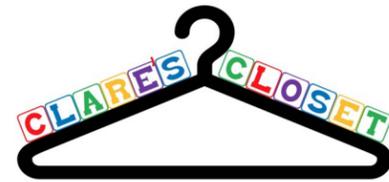
October 26-28 – Sr High fall retreat

October 27 – Food Pantry & Clare's Closet distribution

Serving others through Christ



It's that time of year again to start packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child! Boxes are available to be picked up, and it's easy to pack a box! Simply decide if it's for a girl or a boy, then decide which age range you are packing for, and then fill it up with appropriate gifts. Packing instructions are included with each box, and boxes will be collected in November. Help us make this the best year yet!



Saturday, October 27 & all "Food Pantry" Saturdays through March **Neighborhood Center**

Please remember your new or "slightly" used coat donations for this community outreach. A collection box is in the Connector Lobby.

*Note: Outerwear of all sizes is needed—infants to adults—including coats, jackets, hoodies, gloves and mittens.

Hands-on Mission Project 2019 - School supplies to Liberia

The Johnson City District will be collecting school supplies for Liberia again in 2019, but if you would like to take advantage of clearance sales, now is the time to start buying supplies! Here is a list of items that will be collected:

1 backpack—new or gently used
1 12" ruler
2 boxes chalkboard chalk (not sidewalk chalk)
1 compass for math
1 protractor
1 pk. (10 ct.) blue or black pens
1 pk. (10 ct.) pencils
1 pk. erasers
2 pencil sharpeners
3 spiral notebooks (70 ct.)
1 complete Bible (new or used - Old and New Testament)

Please hold on to your completed packs until the collection time next June. You will receive further instructions at a later date.

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. - Matthew 25:40

Outreach



Trunk or Treating and Hot Dog Supper

**First United Methodist Church
900 Spring Street
Location – Pine Street Parking Lot
Date – Wednesday, Oct 24, 2018
Time – 5:45 – 7:00 pm**

Can you volunteer your time by giving out candy from your car trunk or truck bed?

Can you provide candy (wrapped) for handing out to the children who attend this outreach event? Candy can be dropped off at the office copy room during office hours.

If you have any questions, you may contact Steve Reis at 423-928-9222 or Lana Scott at 423-929-9094.



Dear Members and Friends of First United Methodist Church,

Our annual stewardship campaign this year will begin on Sunday, September 30th. Our theme is “Great Is Thy Faithfulness.” Pledge cards and a letter about the campaign will be distributed at the Fifth Sunday Breakfast on October 7th. Brief messages concerning stewardship will be presented by previously selected church members during the morning worship services on September 30th, October 7th and October 14th. The pledges will be dedicated to God in an altar ceremony during the morning worship service on October 21st.

Please prayerfully consider what portion you will share from the blessings God has provided you.

Thank you,
FUMC Stewardship Committee

United Methodist Women

Ladies, are you looking for Christian support and fellowship? Participate in Mission projects? Experience God through Bible study and devotion? Then consider joining the United Methodist Women (UMW).

“The organized unit of the United Methodist Women is 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.”

Members of the UMW actively participate in many mission projects throughout the year with bake/craft sales (2 each year), pledges and special donations.

Looking for a place to service Christ?
Come join the United Methodist Women.
LOVE IN ACTION!!

Circle of Faith: Pam Heaton, Leader - 282-2600
Date and Time: First Thursday each month at 10:00 a.m.
Location: The church
Currently studying the book: *I Bought A House on Gratitude Street*

Circle of Hope: Pat Faber, Leader - 926-7062
Date and Time: Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Various homes and the church
Devotions observed at each meeting

Circle of Friends: Debbie Eddy, Leader - 696-9360
Date and Time: First Friday each month at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Various homes and restaurants
Special mission project: Seasons of Hope and The River
Special church service: provide the communion elements, setting up and cleaning up, each month for the worship service

The Back Page



What we'd like to hear in church:

- Hey, it's my turn to sit in the front pew!
- I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon ran longer than usual.
- I'll volunteer to be the permanent junior high Sunday school teacher.
- I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before.
- Because we're all here, let's start the worship service early.
- Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.
- Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign.



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We are a local denomination of the United Methodist Church. We have a long history of an active, Christian congregation in Johnson City which has been and continues to be involved in our community and world. We celebrate the richness in our tradition and heritage, but also strive to expand our experience by adapting and changing to meet the needs of our community and world today. All who desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of the love of Christ are welcome to join us on the journey.