



# The First Epistle

First United Methodist Church  
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...make more and better  
disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the world.

January 2019

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Here is the church  
Here is the steeple  
For 2019  
Come, be one of the people.



1stChurch Johnson City  
You are welcome here.

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



## January Highlights

January 6 - Epiphany/Taste of First  
Methodist

January 9 - Wednesday Niter  
resumes

January 25-27 - Resurrection

January 26 - Food Pantry/Claire's  
Closet distribution

# Around the church

## Holiday Taste of First Methodist

### DATE CHANGE!!

January 6th from 4:30-6:00 in the Fellowship Hall

A night of gathering and giving to support the Food Pantry

Sponsored by Outreach Pillar

Join us for an evening of food and fellowship while supporting our Food Pantry. Small groups (Sunday School classes, UMW circles, Bible Study groups, Choir, Youth, etc.) are asked to provide treats to share. The plates, napkins, and beverages will be supplied by the Outreach Pillar. Since we are in the Fellowship Hall, Outreach will also take care of the decorations.

The Food Pantry Committee has requested support in the form of **jars of peanut butter, boxes of saltine crackers (4 sleeves per box), and monetary contributions.** You may bring these items the night of our event. If you cannot attend the Holiday Taste, you may drop off food items outside the church office. Monetary contributions designated for the Food Pantry can be made through your normal process of giving.

For any questions about this event, contact Lana Scott, Nancy Campbell, or Janice Moore.



Here are the weeks that 1stChurch will be hosting Family Promise in 2019:

March 17-24

June 16-23

November 17-24

## Wednesday Niter News

Wednesday night activities will resume on January 9!

## UMW News

-The UMW Fall Bake/craft Sale was a huge success! The ladies of the UMW would like to thank the congregation for your support of the UMW Fall Bake/Craft Sale. Because of your generosity, the UMW was able to raise over \$1600 to be used for the repair/replacement of some of the church doors. We appreciate your support.

-The Circle of Faith will not meet in January.

## REMINDER:

Submissions for the monthly newsletter are due by the 20th of each month. Please email articles and other information to Elisa Wardeska at [elisa.wardeska@1stchurchjc.org](mailto:elisa.wardeska@1stchurchjc.org).

## In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to:

Phil & Crystal Gray, in the death of Phil's mother, Maud Roy Gray;

The family of Betty and Aldon Speer, who both passed away in December;

Keith and Susan Mulligan, in the death of Keith's brother, Jim Mulligan.



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## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

### Sundays:

9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship Service  
4:30 Children and Youth activities  
4:30 Wayfinders  
5:30 Snack Supper  
6:15 The Branch worship service

### Wednesdays:

3:00 After school Arts and Music for youth  
4:15 Youth Choir  
5:45 Wednesday Niter  
6:15 Children and Youth programming  
7:30 Chancel Choir

For more information,  
visit the church website  
[www.1stchurchjc.org](http://www.1stchurchjc.org)

## Winter Weather Policy

### Sunday mornings:

*When roads are obviously snowy and/or icy, there will not be regular Sunday School classes. The 10:30 a.m. Worship Service may be held for those who are able to safely attend - check the website, Facebook, email or even call and check the voice message at the church office for more information. It is possible that the 10:30 am service will be canceled. For Sunday afternoon and evening programs, please sign up to receive text messages from the Children and Youth Departments by contacting the appropriate staff person.*

### Wednesday Nights:

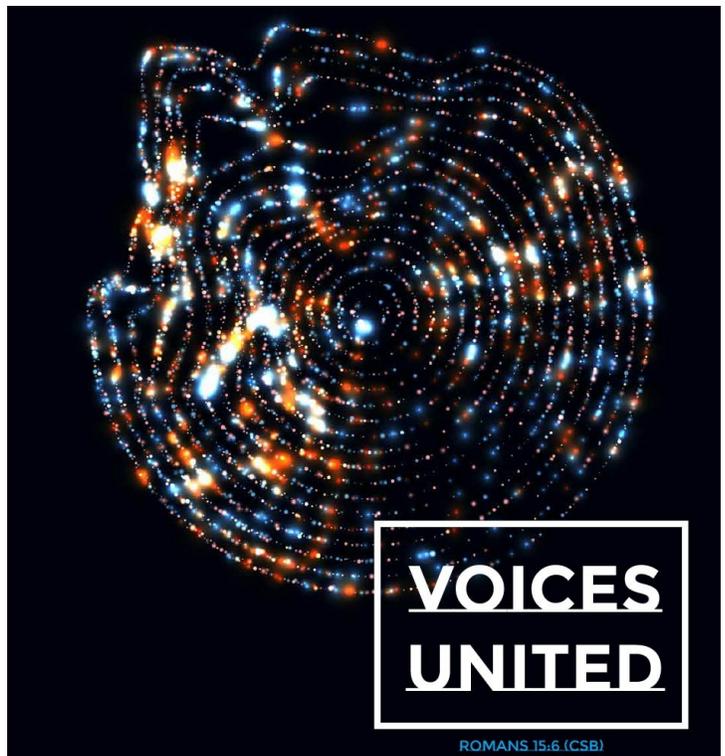
*Please check the news, if Johnson City Schools are closed (other than for Holiday), the Wednesday Night Meal and Program will be cancelled with no exceptions.*

## Resurrection 2019

Resurrection is an awesome annual event of worship and spiritual growth for youth and youth mentors. Each year over 12,000 come together in Pigeon Forge, TN, to celebrate the God of The Resurrection. Through inspirational words and music led by nationally-known speakers and musicians, young people encounter the Lord in new and deeper ways.

Resurrection is hosted by the youth ministry of the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church. It has become an interdenominational celebration and testifies to the common experience of Jesus Christ's living Lordship that binds all believers into one, despite our divisions. All are welcome here.

Although Resurrection has become a large gathering over its 30-year history, the focus of the event has remained constant: the individual young person and his or her response to Jesus Christ. We recognize the leadership of their parents, their peers, their leaders in their local churches, and youth groups to grow in radical discipleship that can change the world.



**VOICES  
UNITED**

ROMANS 15:6 (CSB)