



# The First Epistle

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

November 2018

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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:

*You crown the year with your bounty. - Psalms 65:11*

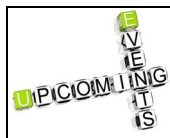
The weather is beginning to change. The leaves on the trees are turning to beautiful colors of red, orange and gold. Autumn is always, in my mind, a season of abundant favor from God. Even though most of us don't rely on the harvest of our own farms, we do enjoy the ripe gifts of this time of year. The writer of Psalm 65 tells us that the harvest is the crowning of the year. Let us give thanks for the harvest, offer to God emotions of our gratitude for so many blessings. My prayer is that our hearts will be warmed, and our spirits will remember, meditate, and think upon the goodness of God. Celebrate and praise God as the source of all we are given. Offer gifts to God and to our families and friends. Most of all be at peace and know that God richly blesses us every hour of every day.

Peace and Love to all,  
Jane Taylor, Sr. Pastor



Commemorating  
the faithful  
departed

Calvin Garland  
Clay Boyd  
Eva Elrod  
Coolidge Johnson  
Thelma Brittain  
Howard Smith  
Marie Gough  
Michael Carter  
Virginia Hilton  
Bobby Pleasant  
Kristy Pratt  
Carroll Waterbury  
Sarah Morelock  
Tom Perry



## November Highlights

- 4 - All-Saints Day
- 4-11 - Family Promise at FUMC
- 17 - Food pantry & Clare's Closet Distribution
- 18 - UMW Bake Sale
- 22 - Thanksgiving Day



PLEASE NOTE:

There will be NO Wednesday Niter activities on November 21 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Also, the church office will be closed Wednesday - Friday the week of Thanksgiving.

# Around the church

'Tis the Season!



Our annual Christmas Shopping Day for the church children is quickly approaching. The kids get so excited about being able to buy gifts for their loved ones at a minimal cost! Please help us make this possible by donating any new or slightly used items to include in the sale. Please leave any items for donation in the Open Door Classroom. If you would like to get involved or have any questions please contact Janine Berning at 534-7823.

Amazon Shoppers! Support First UMC or the Early Learning Center through Amazon Smile. At no charge to you, Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases once you choose us as your favorite charity.

To sign up, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), log in to your Amazon account, and follow the instructions. To find the church, type "first 37604" in the search box. From there you can select First Methodist Church or Early Learning Center.

Every time you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon will make a donation!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** The UMW Bake/Craft Sale will be on November 18 beginning at 9:00 am in the Parlor. All proceeds will be used to help repair and/or replaces "well used" outside church doors. Be sure to come and support the UMW!



If you are interested in serving as a greeter before the 10:30 worship service, please contact Brian Rosecrance. We are in need of more friendly faces to welcome visitors and members on Sunday mornings!

A big thank you goes to Brian Haun for installing new lights in the Fellowship Hall and downstairs hallway. We appreciate you!



**POSITION AVAILABLE** The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has regrettably accepted the resignation letter of our church Treasurer, Rhonda Simmons, effective January 1, 2019.

We are accepting applications for this part-time staff position. The job requires a knowledge of accounting principles and computer skills. We hope the person hired will have time to spend with Rhonda training for the regular monthly and year-end closing procedures. If you are interested in this position, please contact Steve Gross, Chairperson of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, for more information:

## In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to:

Casey and Lindsay Moore Carmical, whose daughter, Vivian Lee Carmical, was stillborn on September 29.

Tony and Ethan Morelock, in the death of Sarah Morelock, on October 9.

Jean Perry and family, in the death of her husband, Tom Perry on October 18.

# Serving others through Christ

## Local Missions

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**FAMILY PROMISE WEEK NOVEMBER 4-11**



**Family Promise®**

Building communities, strengthening lives.

### **Family Promise FUMC, Covenant Presbyterian and Lone Oak Christian**

As we begin our Family Promise host week starting November 4th, it is a good time to share a little of what Family Promise is all about.

Formerly known as IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network), Family Promise has been as important to our church as it has been to our community. It is a great way to serve God by helping families in need.

Our church (Host Church) collaborates with Covenant Presbyterian and Lone Oaks Christian (Support Churches) 3 or 4 weeks each year in hosting families that need our help. We use our facilities, our volunteers and our love to give these families food and shelter as they become more self-reliant.

If you are interested in learning more about how to serve contact Chris Berning ([berningcd@gmail.com](mailto:berningcd@gmail.com)) or Scott Huff ([deedotscott@gmail.com](mailto:deedotscott@gmail.com))

### **Family Promise Johnson City-**

**<https://familypromisejc.com>**

The mission of Family Promise of Greater Johnson City (FPJC) is to help homeless and low income families achieve sustainable independence. We provide a network of faith congregations and community agencies to promote a collaborative response for homeless families with children.

### **Family Promise Nationally-**

**<https://familypromise.org>**

FPJC is affiliated with Family Promise, a national organization with more than 200 Affiliates in 43 states, along with more locations under development. Nationally, our programs involve more than 160,000 volunteers and 6,000 congregations.

**Songfest 2018: An Appalachian Music Experience** will be Sunday, November 4, at 3:00 pm at University Parkway Baptist Church. Plan to join Family Promise for a great afternoon of music! Come out to see Carson Peters and Iron Mountain, Ed Snodderly & Friends, and the ETSU Rambling Serenaders. Free admission but donations are welcome!

## Global Missions

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Collection Week is November 12th. Boxes will be delivered to Heritage Baptist Church on Saturday, November 17th. Anybody that wants to help be a part of taking the boxes, please let Dee Minutolo know. If you don't have an "official" box, you can use a regular shoe box or a plastic container. Remember no toothpaste or candy. For more information on how to pack boxes, contact Dee or visit [www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child).



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The Early Learning Center and FUMC

Invite you to the 7th annual

5K Reindeer Run and Santa Stroll

Sunday, December 2

3:45 - 100 yard dash for children 9 and under

4:00 - 5K begins

This is a CERTIFIED course through the Tree Streets

The course is Fast and FLAT!

Look for more information on the church website:

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

Register at [www.runtricies.org](http://www.runtricies.org)

### 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,  
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### A Call to United Methodist Women of 1stChurch:

Conference and District Officers are urging all UMW members to register for the national UMW mailing list. You can go online, or you can offer to go online for those who do not use the computer to register. Here is a note from district UMW:

"I do encourage you to go online at [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org) and go under membership and fill out an online membership info screens so you will be on the national mailing list. When it ask for district we are the Johnson City District and will be Three Rivers after Jan 1, 2019 as far as UMW is concerned. Our conference is Holston. You can even print out a membership card. "



UMW is still collecting Box Tops for Education for the Red Bird Mission School in Beverly, KY. The school serves students in grades PreK-12 and centers on developing the full potential of it's students in a Christian atmosphere. The school is operated independently by the Mission and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the University Senate of the United Methodist Church and Christian Schools International. Red Bird Christian School provides quality education to students of the Red Bird area regardless of their ability to pay. Students may graduate from the school with a general, college prep or academic diploma. In 2011, they became a State Licensed Child Care Center.