

Fifth Sunday Breakfast

The Fifth Sunday potluck breakfast and devotion will be next Sunday, December 30 at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. It will be hosted by the Pathfinders. Bring a breakfast dish to share.

Everyone is welcome!

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 \$1,600 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.

Use this QR Code to access **online giving**.



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SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Ben Peeples, Art Eckerson, Alan LeClair

GREETERS: Jamee Roberts, Ann Mohap, Bonnie Sampson, Joanne Peterson

PRAYER: Finley Cook **CROSSBEARER:** Macy Shell

ACOLYTE: Abragayle Roe **BEADLE:** Madelyn Wardeska-McGuire

AUDIOVISUAL: Karl Kapoor

WEEKLY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 23-29, 2018

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
6:15 The Branch

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:30 Family-Friendly Christmas Eve Service
6:30 Traditional Christmas Eve Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

5:30 ELC Board Meeting
6:00 Wayfinders
7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:00 Hopson Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00 Hopson Wedding

First United Methodist Church

900 Spring Street Johnson City, TN 37604

Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin

Welcome to 1st Church! We are glad you are here.

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



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Love Came Down" Arr. Jan Sanborn

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE

HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" No. 196

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Lord, we confess that we have been rushing headlong into Christmas.

People: It has been a busy time, as we have tried to fit our Christmas activities in and around our daily responsibilities of work and family. Our minds are scattered, our bodies are tired, and we still have things to do. We confess that we have been so caught up in our preparations that we have spent little time pondering the profound meaning of this Christmas season.

Leader: In this place and on this day, God has called us together to offer us words of encouragement and to remind us that Love has come to dwell with us.

People: Open our hearts to Your loving presence, Lord. Remind us again of Your constant care. Help us to reach out to one another in joy and peace. Forgive us, we pray. Make us truly ready to receive Your love, and the gift of the Christ Child.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Lift up your heads faithful people, for our redemption is near. Rejoice!
You are loved by God, now and forever.

People: Let us give thanks that Jesus, Emmanuel, loves us, forgives us, and is with us. Glory to God in the highest! AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Micah 5:2-5a

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 "Love Has Come" Supplement #3059 & on Screen

OFFERTORY "Joseph Dearest Joseph Mild" Arr. Lani Smith

DOXOLOGY No. 94

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:39-55

ANTHEM "When Will the Little King Come?"
*When will the little King Come? When will we see God's Son?
We will sing and shout for joy, greet the precious baby boy.*

*Will He come like a breath of spring while the flowers are blossoming?
Will He come on a summer day while the children are at play?*

*Will He come when the air grows cold, while the leaves turn to red and gold?
Will He come on a winter night while the stars are shining bright?*

When will Emmanuel come? When will the little King come?

SERMON "Mary and Elizabeth: the Mothers" Rev. Jane Taylor
***HYMN** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 230
Verses 1, 2, & 3
***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**
*O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel!*
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.

FUMC will offer two Christmas Eve services tomorrow night– a family-friendly, contemporary service at 4:30 and a more traditional service at 6:30. Communion will be served at both. Join us for one of these special services!

Taste of First Methodist
Has been changed to January 6 from 4:30 to 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall
A night of gathering and giving to support the Food Pantry
Sponsored by the 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 decorations.
The Food Pantry Committee has requested support in the form of **jars of peanut butter, boxes of saltine crackers (4 sleeves of crackers 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 for giving.
For any questions about this event, contact Lana Scott, Nancy Campbell, or Janice Moore.
Thanks from the Outreach Pillar for supporting this event!

December 23, 2018 Prayer Requests
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Requested by _____

- Prayer list:**
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| Betty Speer | Jim Paveglio |
| Barbara Marrs | Cody Hammond |
| Elizabeth Bailey | Joe Campbell |
| Ralph & Joan Garland | Mitch Link |
| Nancy Jewell | Michael Harrell |
| Bobbie Wells | Roy & Sharyn Lessly |
| Elizabeth Wells | Jane Wilhoit Anderson |
| Clare Warren & parents | Nancy Wilhoit Norris |
| Catherine Cartus | Emily Hawkins |
| Tom Palmer | Christy Cagle |
| Kevin Jones | Beth Minutolo |
| Carrie Denny | Betty McGaha |
| Bob & Dee Lentz | Steve Holmes |
| Carolyn Wood | Phil & Donna Pipkin |
| Sue Speer | Vivian Eckerson |
| LaMarr Talley | Clare May |
| Evelyn Moore | Tina Morrison |
| Jo Cross | Oliver Johnson |
| Edna Johnson | G. G. Kline |
| Jerry & Judy Rust | Brenda Logan |
| Bill & Mary McClellan | Terry Ponder |
| Gary J. Harkins | Louise Scott |
| Magnolia Ridge family of recovery | Marsha Pierce |
| Frannie Knouse | Mary Jane Furchess |
| Rev. David Neel | Mike Lowe |
| | Midge Merrill |
| | Ronnie Pickle |
| | Mary Hollingshead |

Sympathy is extended to Keith and Susan Mulligan and family in the death of Keith's brother, Jim Mulligan, in Nevada.