

Wednesday Night Fellowship

April 27, 2016 5:45 pm

Meal: Pok Loin, Potatoes, Broccoli, Salad Bar, Bread, Dessert

Program: Alpha Course

Presented by Art Eckerson

Reservations please by Tuesday 4/26

Indicate # of people:

\$6.50 ____ Adults & Children 12 or older

\$3.00 ____ Children age 3-11 (meal above) or

\$3.00 ____ Children 3- 11 (PBJ/Applesauce)

\$6.50 ____ To Go Orders (reservation required)

Cost: Excluding To Go orders, \$22 maximum for a family of 4—each additional family member over age 11 is \$5.50; age 3-11 \$3.00.

NAME: _____

You can pay online (thru the QR code) or via website or pay on Wednesday night. You can tear off this tab to register, call the office and leave a message or register online.

Last Wed. Night Fellowship:

May 25; We will participate in Red Nose Day one day early (May 26). Wear a Red Nose to benefit children and young people who face poverty, here and across the world! Red Noses provided!

First Church Parking Lots

You may notice some new signs around the Maple Street and Pine Street Parking Lots at 1stChurch. Don't worry - these no parking signs DO NOT mean that you should not park in these lots for Sunday and Wednesday activities at church. The parking lot will still be for use by ELC parents and staff too. But, the trustees have taken this action in order to be able to prevent unauthorized use of church property. The Trustees and police want people to be safe and reduce the risk associated with abandoned vehicles. Please see the website for more information. Vehicles left unattended will be towed at the owner's expense.

WELCOME 1ST CHURCH GUESTS !

"We hope you find worship here to be a way to experience the love of Jesus Christ."

--from pastor Jane Taylor speaking for all in the congregation

For Your Information:

Restrooms are located directly behind the sanctuary. There is a **nursery** for children (infant to 4 yrs of age). Our ushers or greeters can lead or direct you there **if you desire**.

If you would like to consider **becoming a member** of our church family, we invite you to do so. Please speak to the pastor or indicate so on the attendance slip.

An **AED** is located in the CONNECTOR; TOP FLOOR; go through door at the front and to the right side of sanctuary.

Church Staff:

Rev. Jane Taylor, Pastor

Email: jane.taylor@1stchurchjc.org

Billy Walker, Dir. of Worship & Music

Lisa Reis, Dir. Youth Ministries

Kathie Battista, ELC Director

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Bree Nelson, Dir. of Children's Ministries

Susan Dove Fields, Organist

Rhonda Simmons, Treasurer

David Gbaa, Custodian

Joshua Gbaa, Custodian

Finley Cook, Wednesday Night Chef

Christi Henn, Tabitha Cox, Nursery

Website: www.1stChurchJC.org

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WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY

APRIL 24-30, 2016

SUNDAY, APR 24

9:15a Sunday School

9:45a Coffee and Fellowship

Welcome Center at Gym Balcony

10:30a Worship Service

4:30p Children/Youth Program

5:30p Snack Supper Youth/Children

6:15p The Branch Evening Worship Service

MONDAY, APR 25

11:00a Full Staff Meeting

7:00p Boy Scouts - Troop #36

TUESDAY, APR 26

6:30p Girl Scout Troop #978

7:00p Circle of Hope, Hostess: Katie

Mahoney; at her home

WEDNESDAY, APR 27

5:45p Wednesday Night Fellowship

7:30p Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, APR 28

5:30p ELC Board Meeting

6:00p Connections Pillar Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

12:00p Sanctuary in Use -

Voice Recital

More calendar information available at website.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

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

GREETERS: Art Eckerson, Deborah & Marcus Grant,

Donna Robbins, Sharon Cradic

PRAYER: Dianna Boarman

CROSSBEARER: Molly Huff

ACOLYTE: Hank Berning

BEADLE: Zane Huff

AUDIOVISUAL: Ethan Morelock

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 24, 2016 10:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" arr. Don Hustad

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Leader: We come to this place where God pours out love on us.

People: We join our voices in praise for God's mercy and grace.

Leader: We gather with those around us who seek to follow Jesus.

People: We gather in wonder at the new things God is doing in our midst.

Leader: We gather so that our hearts may be open to God's calling.

People: We gather so we may worship and serve God in love and unity.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" **No. 384**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE (from 1 John 4) Liturgist

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God.

People: Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Leader: Jesus came to show us God's love, and to call us to love one another as He loves us. Let us pray.

People: Our Father, it is easy to say that we ought to love one another as You love us. We confess that it is not always an easy thing to do, and that we often choose not to do so.

Leader: We confess that in our homes, in our work, and in our church,



Welcome to 1stChurch! We are glad you have chosen to worship God here.

Please sign the red registration tablet located in the pew. Then, pass it along.

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often our words and actions are not always grounded in love.

People: We confess that our desire for power, influence, and things keeps us from having the best interest of others in mind. Fill our hearts anew with Your love, O God. Turn us away from anything that causes pain for You or for our sisters and brothers.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: May Jesus' commandment to love each other become the chief desire of our hearts. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: Through Jesus, Who loves us and dwells in us, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 21:1-6 Liturgist

FAITH PROMISE

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Which 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.

(The altar of our church is always open; in particular, you are welcome to stand or kneel at the altar during the morning prayer time as well as during the closing hymn after the sermon. If you desire assistance please signal you would like someone to pray with you.)

HYMN "God of Wonders" **Supplement No. 3034/or screen**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Beach Spring" arr. Matthew Weston

***DOXOLOGY** **No. 94**

***NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** John 13:31-35 Rev. Jane Taylor

ANTHEM "Reflections on Love" Chancel Choir

If I speak with the tongues of angels, if I learn all the secrets of stars in the night,

though I gather great wealth, and harvest all knowledge,
if I learn all the mysteries of life, though I call upon faith to move mountains,
if I give away all that I own, though I right every wrong and I sing heavens song,
without love I have nothing at all.

Though I speak with the fire of a prophet, if I offer my life in the service of man,
if I pass through the deep, and climb every mountain,
if I hold all the world in my hand, if I lift up my voice to the heavens,
if I'm faithful to honor my call, if I finish the race, win honor and praise,
without love I have nothing at all.

Without love we are singers in search of a song.
Without love, no heart is complete until love makes it strong.

Though I speak with the tongues of angels, if I sing out with power and might,
If I gather great wealth and harvest all knowledge, If I learn all the mysteries of life,
If I call upon faith to move mountains, if I give away all that I own,
Though I right every wrong, without love I have nothing at all.

SERMON "Love One Another as I Have Loved You" Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Lord I Want to Be a Christian" **No. 402**

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*In my heart, in my heart;
Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart!*

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Clare Warren & family | Linda Stanley | Sam Arnold |
| Jane Eddy | Carrie Denny | Kristy Hodge Pratt |
| Bonnie and Clay Marrs | Jerry Elliot | Vickie Stephenson |
| Amy Dryburgh | Darrell Wayne Tilson | Maddie Woolsey |
| Bobbie Wells | Helen Tilson | Calvin McMann |
| Aldon and Betty Speer | Jim Brant | Kathie Tucker |
| Chuck Short | Nancy Jewell | Ruth Sluder |
| Sue McGaha | Jessica Higginbotham | Cameron Crawford |
| Jaimee Norman | Helen Holyfield | Kallan Rogers |
| Tom Palmer and family | Sara Jane Jones | Jerry Collins |
| Mark Dollar | Susan Ready | Rachel Lanthorn |
| Mary McClellan | Catherine Cartus | Brian Milby |
| Barbara Marrs | Betty Gouge | Evelyn Moore |
| Sue Zabala | Judy Rust | |

April 24, 2016 Prayer Requests
Publish in bulletin? __Y __N

Requested by:

Please submit information about graduating seniors so we can recognize them in the bulletin, Facebook and the church website; we would like to have a picture and brief bio about our students of all ages who are graduating.

Call the office or send information to office.fumc@charter.net;

Thank you!

SPPRC NOTICE:

Staff Pastor Parrish Relations Committee) has regretfully received notice that Lisa Reis will step down as the director of youth ministries. The committee has posted an employment opportunity for a full time position and will take applications through May 15. See website or church office for a detailed post.

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Year-to-Date	3/31/2016
<u>Operating Funds</u>	
Revenues	120,473
Operating Expenses	142,436
Surplus /(Deficit)	(21,963)