



BROTHER'S Keeper You are invited to celebrate with us!

Grand Opening: Mon. July 25, 11:00 am at Boones Creek Christian Church

RSVP or for more information call (423) 268-4624

Additional Calendar Information:
August 7-10 Annual Sulphur Springs Camp Meeting



30th Anniversary Celebration

God answered prayer 30 years ago. Our church and the Early Learning Center Staff have continued to be ministers of His blessings each year since then. Next week - celebrate with us as we gather in church and on Sunday afternoon to welcome old friends and prepare for new ones! Watch and listen for details!



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

Sermon Notes

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
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Billy Walker, Dir. of Worship & Music
 Kathie Battista, ELC Director
 Steve Reis, Dir. Community Outreach/
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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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SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: Ben Peebles, David Denny, Art Eckerson, Alan LeClair
GREETERS: Grier Washam, Ernie Cross, Betty Gouge, Sharon Cradic
PRAYER: Novice Gross **CROSSBEARER:** Molly Huff
ACOLYTES: Hank Berning **BEADLE:** Zane Huff
AUDIOVISUAL: Andy Nelson

**WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY
 JULY 24 - JULY 31, 2016**

SUNDAY, JULY 24
 9:15a Sunday School
 9:45a Coffee and Fellowship
 Welcome Center at Gym Balcony
 10:30a Worship Service
 11:30a Lemonade on the Lawn
 5:30p Children/Youth Snack Supper
 6:15p "The Branch" Evening Worship

MONDAY, JULY 25
 9:00a Staff Bible Study & Meetings
 7:00p Boy Scouts - Troop #36
 7:00p **Leadership Pillar**

TUESDAY, JULY 26
 6:00p Girl's Basketball Team Gym
 6:30p Girl Scout Troop #978
 7:00p **Circle of Hope** - hosted by Midge Merrill at her home

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27
 5:00p **JC Cardinal Park** Gate Opens
 Pick Up Food at Concession
 6:00p **Concert at Cardinal Park**
 7:00p **Ballgame at Cardinal Park**

THURSDAY, JULY 28
 6:00p **Connections Pillar Meeting**
 7:00p East Tn Int. Folk Dancers - Gym

NEXT WEEK : SUNDAY, JULY 31
Fifth Sunday Fellowship Breakfast
Promotion Sunday & Early Learning Center 30th Year Anniversary Celebration
Youth Back to School Kick Off Event



Worship Guide and Church Life Information Bulletin

Welcome to 1stChurch! We are glad you are here!
 Please sign the **RED** registration pad at one end of each pew.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 900 SPRING ST. JOHNSON CITY, TN 37604

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
JULY 24, 2016 10:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Leader: The goodness of God has called us here.

People: We humbly gather as recipients of God's gracious love.

Leader: This is the house of the Lord. In it you will find what you seek.

People: We long for lives of purpose, peace and hope.

Leader: Open your hearts and spirits to the refreshing love of God.

People: Teach us, Lord, to live joyfully and peacefully in Your sight.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us" **UMH No. 100**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Liturgist

Leader: O Lord of mercy and compassion.

People: In our heart of hearts, we know that we have made choices that are unfaithful to You and contrary to the Covenant Love You have shared with us.

We confess the times we yield to temptation , and live as though we belong to the world.

We acknowledge our wandering and wayward ways that lead to sin and selfishness.

Leader: In this hour, we knock on the door of Your abundant love. We seek

Your forgiveness, presence, and peace.

People: We ask for the strength and courage to grow in faith, to stand for truth, and to live as Your faithful disciples every day.

(A time for personal reflection)

Leader: By the grace of God, we are made alive through the redeeming work of Jesus. My friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, our debt is cancelled and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

GOSPEL READING Luke 11:5-13

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION: "CAVEQUEST"

Following Jesus, the Light of the World

Five Day Theme:

Jesus gives us: **hope, courage, direction, love, and power**

***HYMN OF REFLECTION** "Our God" **On Screen**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes

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

***OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Genesis 18:1-15 Rev. Walter Weikel

ANTHEM "Seek and Ye Shall Find" Chancel Choir

Seek and ye shall find; knock and the door will be opened; Ask and you will receive, for such is the way of the Lord.

Who knows in truth what God for all creatures can do?
If you believe, great happiness will come to you.

SERMON "A Laughing Matter" Rev. Walter Weikel
Johnson City District Superintendent, UMC

***HYMN** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" **UMH No. 430**

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

**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.**

A special welcome to Rev. Walter Weikel, our guest speaker today.

5th Sunday Fellowship Breakfast

Next Week, Sunday, July 31 at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

All are invited! If you have a Sunday School Class or even if you do not attend Sunday School routinely, join us for a covered dish breakfast. Bring a favorite breakfast dish to share if you can. Scripture Study Class is hosting the event this month. Enjoy fellowship and a meal along with a devotion. We look forward to seeing you there. Bring a friend!



1stChurch Picnic and Game Night at Cardinal Park: JC Cardinals

July 27, 2016

5:00 Gates Open

6:00 Concert JJ Weeks

7:00 Play Ball!



Outreach Pillar will have tickets for church members and guests at the gate at 5 pm.

This is also WCQR Night. Expect a bigger crowd than usual and parking may be tight. Arrive to park a little early. This year, pick up your meal at the concession stand and then move to pavilion for church family picnic.

July 24, 2016 Prayer Requests
Publish in bulletin? Y N

Requested by:

Prayer Concerns

Jane Eddy Jordan Hall
Betty & Aldon Speer Jessica Higginbotham
Mary McClellan Delores Prest
Kristy Hodge Pratt April Hamilton
Carrie Denny Our Czechia partners
Jean Thayer CaveQuest VBS:
Judy Story Children, Parents,
Barbara Marrs & Leaders
Clay & Bonnie Marrs Cash Hicks

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to our church pastor and staff, the many, many volunteers (adults and youth) who worked so very hard to plan, set up, decorate, lead and assist, prepare food, and pray for our children and for this summer's VBS program, CaveQuest. Special thanks to Aimee Aiken and Bree Nelson for their dedication in coordinating the event for the children. Our church and community are blessed by these efforts to teach our children and grow them in Christian love.

Aimee and Bree also desire to express their appreciation to all involved!

Year-to-Date	Thru 6/30/2016
Operating Funds	
Revenues	255,442
Operating Expenses	283,698
Surplus /(Deficit)	(28,256)