

G.I.V.E.

Our Stewardship Focus at 1stChurchJC for 2016 – 2017

- G**enerosity: a loving act or measure.
- I**nvest the gifts & talents God gave us.
- V**isualize the future.
- E**ncourage and enhance growth.

Introduction to this year's theme:

God has gifted each and every person with the gift of generosity. He put it in our hearts that we may use the gift to fulfill His plan and work here on earth. God sent us His Son, Jesus, to be a shining example of how to live generously so that we may have abundant life.

John 1:16 - Out of the fullness of His grace He has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another.

Hebrews 6:10 – God will not forget the work you did or the love you showed for Him in the help you gave and are still giving to others.

More information to be presented in the coming weeks. If you have further questions, please seek out one of the Stewardship committee members: Michelle & John Cradic, Scott Huff, Luanne Love, Calvin Robinson or Brian Rosecrance.

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:

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Billy Walker, Dir. of Worship & Music

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WEEKLY CALENDAR SUMMARY AUGUST 7 - 13, 2016

SUNDAY, AUG 7

9:15a Sunday School

9:45a Coffee and Fellowship

Welcome Center at Gym Balcony

10:30a Worship Service

11:30a Lemonade on the Lawn

11:45p Staffing Search Committee

4:30p Youth Activity

5:30p Children/Youth Snack Supper

6:15p "The Branch" Evening Worship

6:30p - 8:00p Sulphur Springs UMC
Camp Meeting at Camp Shed

MONDAY, AUG 8

9:00a Staff Bible Study & Meeting

7:00p Boy Scouts - Troop #36

Sulphur Springs UMC Camp Meeting

TUESDAY, AUG 9

6:30p Girl Scout Troop #978

7:00p Pillar Chair Meeting - Conf. Rm.

Sulphur Springs UMC Camp Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUG 10

9:00a Intercessory Prayer Ministry

6:00p Supper Around Town

7:30p Chancel Choir

Sulphur Springs UMC Camp Meeting

THURSDAY, AUG 11

5:30p Girls Basketball Team - Gym

7:00p East Tn Int. Folk Dancers - Gym



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

August 7, 2016 10:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Prelude on 'Creation' " Haydn/setting by C. Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: We are people who have been called to follow where God leads us.

People: By faith, we can obey, even when asked to walk into an unknown future.

Leader: By faith, we can be sure of the things we cannot see, but hope for in the future.

People: By faith, we can seek and know that God will always be with us.

Leader: By faith, we have confidence to share the Good News of God's love.

People: By faith, we come to worship our faithful God.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" **UMH No. 117**

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

Leader: Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love.

People: How often have we left our worship service inspired to follow You, only to have our good thoughts and intentions go unfulfilled?

We hear Your voice, but somehow our commitment to serve gets put on our "to do" list and sinks to the bottom beneath a dozen other things.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: Art Eckerson, David Denny, Jim Heaton, Mitch Robinson, Steve Love

GREETERS: Art Eckerson, Deborah & Marcus Grant, Mark & Polly Crowder, Kent & Midge Merrill

PRAYER: Fran Waterbury **CROSSBEARER:** Stephen Cradic

ACOLYTES: Avery Nelson & Hannah Haun **BEADLE:** Ellie Nelson

AUDIOVISUAL: Jeff Crowder



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access **online giving**.

Leader: Forgive us, God of grace.

All: Forgive our hesitancy and self-serving ways. Forgive our fear to engage in acts of justice and mercy. Grant us the gift of faith, so that we might set our hope on the better things that You have promised through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(A time for personal reflection)

Leader: By faith, we know that our merciful God hears our prayer, and once again, offers us the way of peace and abundant life. God's love and grace are everlasting. Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven and we live in the hope of eternal life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-16

MORNING PRAYER

***HYMN OF REFLECTION** "Tis So Sweet" **On Screen**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Gather Us In" M. Haugen/arr. By Mark Hayes

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

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 12:32-40 Rev. Jane Taylor

ANTHEM "Keep Your Lamps" Chancel Choir

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over; the time is drawing nigh.

SERMON "First Things First" Rev. Jane Taylor

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

THE LORDS 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.

***HYMN** "The Church's One Foundation" verses 1, 2, & 5 **UMH No. 545**

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forever more be Thine.

**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.**



First United Methodist Church extends sympathy and prayers for comfort to the friends and family of Hattie Somers who passed away on August 4, 2016



All are invited to join us for Lemonade on the Lawn following the worship service!

A NOTE FROM THE 1STCHURCH CARE COMMITTEE:

We are in the process of updating committee records. If you are not currently serving on this important team and would like to become part of this greatly appreciated ministry, learn more about it, or have corrections to your current contact information, please notify Ann Mohap by phone (423.282.1055) or by email (missann@charter.net). We welcome men and women to join us. We serve on a rotating basis in groups who prepare and bring food to support church member families who have lost a loved one and gather at the church to share a meal.

August 7, 2016 Prayer Requests
Publish in bulletin? Y N

Requested by:

Prayer List

Jane Eddy	Jessica Higginbotham
Betty & Aldon Speer	Delores Prest
Mary McClellan	April Hamilton
Kristy Hodge Pratt	Our Czechia partners
Carrie Denny	Celebration for VBS
Jean Thayer	Cash Hicks
Judy Story	Sue McGaha
Barbara Marrs	Helen Holyfield
Clay & Bonnie Marrs	Ralph & Joan Garland
Jordin Hall Milano	Nancy Jewell
Teachers & students	

Hands On Mission Project!

Holston Conference has asked **Johnson City District** to again collect backpacks filled with school supplies for **Liberia in 2017**. **Get a head start on next year's project by taking advantage of Back to School sales!**

Early Learning Center Tree Street Yard Sale Project:

September 10, 2016

Both church parking lots will be used and divided into sections 2 lanes wide for a minimum \$20.00 donation. See Kathie Battista, call the church or ELC office.



UMW ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Circle of Hope will have a picnic on Tuesday, August 23rd at 6 pm at the home of Kathie Tucker. Everyone is asked to bring a salad to share.