

Wednesday Night Fellowship

December 6, 2017 5:45 pm

Menu: Chicken pot pie, fruit, salad bar, bread, dessert

Program: Advent study, led by Bill Carter

Reservations by Tuesday 12/5 **at noon**

Indicate # of people:

___Adults & children over 12

___Children age 3-11 (meal above)

___Children 3-11 (PBJ/applesauce)

___to go orders (reservation required)

Cost: this year all meals will be paid by donation. A minimum of \$6.50 is requested for anyone who can pay for the meal. Anyone who can pay extra either each week or as a lump sum donation to cover the costs of meals for those who are not able to pay are encouraged to do so. Thank you!

NAME: _____

Pay online (thru QR code) or via website or pay at the door. To register, tear off this tab and place in offering plate, call the office or go online.

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



Year-to-Date Operating Funds as of 10/31/17

Revenues	415,933
Operating Expenses	460,833
Surplus/(Deficit)	(44,901)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 3-9, 2017

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:15 Sunday School
9:15 5th Sunday breakfast
10:30 Worship Service
3:00 Youth Leadership Council
4:30 Children & Youth Activities
5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper
6:15 The Branch

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:00 Women's Bible Study
7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:00 Staff Meeting
6:00 Trustees Meeting- Conf. Room
6:30 Security Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner and Program
6:15 Children's Choir
6:15 Children & Youth Activities
7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

10:00 UMW Executive Committee
10:00 Circle of Faith- Conf. Room
6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978
6:30 Finance Committee- Conf. Room
7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

10:00 Children's Shopping Day, lunch, & activity
4:00 Reindeer Run

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

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

GREETERS: Ken & Linda Talley, Kent & Midge Merrill, Bob Peebles, Karen & Dale Schmitt

PRAYER: Joann Boyd **CROSSBEARER:** Stephen Cradic

ACOLYTE: Hank Berning **BEADLE:** Renee Jah

AUDIOVISUAL: Jeff Crowder

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Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin

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

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



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying" Arr. Robert Hobby

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

INVOCATION

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

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

Leader: Our Father, during this Advent season, protect us from and forgive us for the sins which are so common at this time.

People: We confess to the sin of greed, for we are too often swept away by the commercialism of Christmas.

Leader: We confess to the sin of exclusiveness, for we act too often as though Christ came only for us.

People: We confess to the sin of cynicism, for we are too often blinded by the holiday lights, and fail to slow down and show respect for what is sacred.

Leader: We confess to the sin of failing to communicate words of love in this time when Your love and joy should be our first thought.

People: We confess to the sin of anger and impatience, for we permit ourselves to be upset by the pressures and frustrations of the season. For these and our other sins of Advent, we ask for Your protection and forgiveness.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God hears our prayers and looks on us with mercy. Our hope is in God's unending faithfulness. My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: Grace is given to us in Christ Jesus, and through Him our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! AMEN!

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1Corinthians 1:3-9

***HYMN OF REFLECTION** "Forever" No. 3023 and Words on Screen

OFFERTORY "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Arr. Mark Hayes

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 13:24-37

ANTHEM "Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God"

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come.

Thy truth unseal, Thy love reveal.

Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee.

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come.

Come in Thy might, send forth Thy light.

Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God.

For Thee we long, hear Thou our prayer

To Thee be glory now and evermore.

SERMON "Are You Ready for Jesus?" Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN** "View the Present Through the Promise" Supplement No. 2048

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

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.

Thank You!

Bill Donaldson and his Boy Scout Troop blessed our food pantry by delivering many bags of canned foods from their food drive to us. Such a delightful surprise and all will be enjoyed by our many community families.

Children's Shopping Day

Our annual Christmas Shopping Day for the church children will be Saturday, December 9 at 10 am. 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.

Did You Forget to Turn in Your Pledge Card?

To date, the church has received 55 pledge cards. Our yearly average of pledge cards is 75. If you haven't turned yours in, it's not too late. Just drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. If you don't normally turn one in but give financially to the church, please fill one out with your intentions, even if it is a minimum that you expect to share with the church ministries. This helps us considerably as we plan for programs in 2018. You may pick up a copy of a pledge card on the table in the narthex.

Thank you,
The Stewardship Committee

December 3, 2017 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y ___ N ___

Requested by _____

- Prayer list:**
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| Betty & Aldon Speer | Kevin Jones |
| Mary McClellan | Carrie Denny |
| Kristy Hodge Pratt | Judy Rust |
| Barbara Marrs | Harold Phillips |
| Bonnie Marrs | Janie Peterson |
| Elizabeth Bailey | Bob & Dee Lentz |
| Harold & Nannie Greene | Marilyn Maddox |
| Dot Woodby | Scott Saylor |
| Mack Peterson | Carolyn Wood |
| Ralph & Joan Garland | Joan Tansil |
| Nancy Jewell | Bobby & Viola Seay |
| Bobbie Wells | Sue Speer |
| Marian Cocke | Jo Cross |
| Elizabeth Wells | Our church |
| Willie Hughes | Our nation |
| Clare Warren & parents | Kim Church |
| Howard Smith | LaMarr Talley |
| Catherine Cartus | Evelyn Moore |
| Tom Palmer | Beth Woodby & family |
| | Steve Holmes |

Holiday Taste of FUMC

The annual Holiday Taste of FUMC will be next Sunday, December 10 from 4:30-6:00 pm. It will be a night of fellowship and giving to support our Food Pantry. Make plans now to join us!