

Wednesday Night Fellowship

February 22, 2017 5:45 pm

Menu: Taco salad, corn, beans, dessert

Program: The Parables of Jesus
Led by Jane Taylor

Reservations by Tuesday 2/21 **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 1/31/17

Revenues	42,119
Operating Expenses	43,407
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,289)

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR
FEBRUARY 19-25, 2017**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
4:30 youth activity
4:30 children's choir
5:30 children & youth snack supper
6:15 The Branch

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Church office closed for Presidents' Day
7:00 Women's Bible Study
7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

5:30 staff meeting
5:30 ELC Board meeting
6:00 FUMC feeds Wesley students

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner and Program
6:15 youth
7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978
6:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 One Acre Café country breakfast buffet fundraiser
10:00 Community Mission Food Distribution

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt
GREETERS: Ken & Linda Talley, Kent & Midge Merrill, Bob Peebles, Karen & Dale Schmitt

PRAYER: Finley Cook **CROSSBEARER:** Stephen Cradic

ACOLYTE: Hank Berning **BEADLE:** Jalen Pack

AUDIOVISUAL: John Cradic



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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

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "O Day of Peace" arr. Charles Callahan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, all of Your ways,

People: and we will follow You until the end.

Leader: Give us understanding, that we may keep Your covenant,

People: and trust it with our whole heart.

Leader: Lead us in the path of Your commandments,

People: for joy is found in following You.

Leader: Turn our hearts to Your decrees,

People: and away from selfish gain.

Leader: Turn our eyes from looking at vanities,

People: and give us life in Your ways.

Leader: Let us pray: In this time of worship, lead us to draw closer to You.

People: Open our hearts and minds to Your ways of truth and life.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "How Firm a Foundation" No. 529

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Holy and wise God, we may try to trick ourselves, but we cannot fool You.

People: We confess that we criticize rather than love and pray for our neighbors. We confess that our prejudice causes us to look down on others with mistrust, even to the point of hatred. We confess that when we are hurt by others we hold tight to grudges like precious jewels. We confess that when asked to go the second mile, we become judgmental and refuse to act with mercy and grace.

Leader: Jesus walked among us to show us the way of eternal truth and love, which is very different from what the world shows us.

People: Forgive us, merciful God, when our attitudes and actions drift away from Your teachings. Instruct our lives, so that Your grace may abound in the way we live and the way we give.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: This is good news. We belong to Christ; our sins belong to Christ; our forgiveness belongs to Christ; and our future belongs to Christ. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

People: Our merciful God fills our hearts with peace and love. Thanks be to God. AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 3:10-11; 16-23

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** “Cornerstone” words on screen

OFFERTORY “The Solid Rock” arr. Joel Raney

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

***NEW TESTAMENT READING** Matthew 5:38-48

ANTHEM

“Holy is Your Name”

Holy is Your Name, O Lord.

Set apart from the world in its sin and shame,

Transcending the passage of time.

Exalted on high in Your majesty, You are holy.

With wisdom You see all that will be, with power You reign from on high.

Changeless with time, You are the one who is, and will be evermore.

Holy is Your Name, O Lord.

Manifested in light that is shining bright for all of creation to see;

Forever You shine in the heavens, Lord, You are holy.

SERMON

“Where Love Reigns”

Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN**

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”
Verses 1, 2, and 3

No. 581

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Called by worship to Your service, forth in Your dear name we go

To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;

Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,

That Your servants, Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know and live.

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.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN/YOUTH VOLUNTEERS! Here at FUMC, we have an absolute and unwavering commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all our children, youth, and adults. In order to achieve this goal, Safe Sanctuary training is mandatory for all adults working with children and youth. Additionally, for these programs to exist, your willingness to volunteer is essential.

There will be two trainings very soon:

—Sunday, February 26th immediately following the morning worship service

—Saturday, March 4th at 10:30 a.m.

Both trainings will be in the Creation Room in the Children’s Wing. It is vital that you attend one of these trainings if you are or think you might be interested in helping with the children or youth in the next 12 months—Sunday School, Wednesday nights, outings, retreats, Vacation Bible School, nursery, etc. If you have any questions, please call or text Kati Uelhof at (423)557-6844 or email kati.uelhof@1stchurchjc.org. We look forward to seeing you there as we strive to ensure the safety of all our children, youth, and adults.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Clay Marrs, who passed away Friday, February 17.

February 19, 2017 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y ___ N ___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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| Betty & Aldon Speer | Ralph & Joan Garland |
| Mary McClellan | Nancy Jewell |
| Kristy Hodge Pratt | Bobbie Wells |
| Grier Washam | Bernice Stephens |
| Barbara Marrs | Jo Ann Rorrer |
| Bonnie Marrs | Linda Stanley |
| Elizabeth Bailey | Susan Fields |
| Brian Milby | Elizabeth Powell |
| Kim Slade | Willie Hughes |
| Tony Gentry | Clare Warren & parents |
| Harold Greene | Lyndell Denny |
| Megan Smith & family | Alan DeWitt |
| Helen Holyfield | Howard Smith |
| Betty Gouge (no calls or visits please) | Serena Crowder & family |
| Dot Woodby | Steven Smith |
| | Phyllis Eorgan |

Faith Promise is next Sunday!

Faith Promise encourages us to give out of confidence that God will supply what is needed for our giving to missions. Since missions is not in our regular operating church budget, Faith Promise goes beyond giving to the budget allowing us to share our compassion with both local and global mission programs. First Church is a missions-oriented church.

Coming up: Chili Fundraiser Luncheon on Sunday, March 19 after church to support sending 14 children and youth to the Montreat Worship and Music Conference June 25-July 1.

Chili, cornbread, salad & dessert provided for a donation