

Wednesday Night Fellowship

March 29, 2017 5:45 pm

Menu: Pork Loin, potatoes, green beans, salad bar, bread, dessert

Program: Lenten study led by Bill Carter

Reservations by Tuesday 3/28 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 2/28/17

Revenues	74,883
Operating Expenses	99,799
Surplus/(Deficit)	(24,916)

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SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:
USHERS: David Denny, Ben Peeples, Art Eckerson, Alan LeClair
GREETERS: Ken & Linda Talley, Kent & Midge Merrill, Bob Peebles, Karen & Dale Schmitt
PRAYER: Dianna Boarman **CROSSBEARER:** Molly Huff
ACOLYTE: Claudia Davidson **BEADLE:** Zane Huff
AUDIOVISUAL: Ethan Morelock

WEEKLY CALENDAR
MARCH 26-APRIL 1, 2017
ASP TEAM STAYING AT FUMC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

- 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, MARCH 27

- 7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

- 5:30 staff meeting
- 7:00 Circle of Hope- parlor

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

- 5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner and Program
- 6:15 youth

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

- 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978
- 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym



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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
March 26, 2017
The Fourth Sunday of Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING
PRELUDE "How Lovely Are the Feet of Them" G.F. Handel, arr. Lain Smith
THE CANDLES OF LENT
INVOCATION
***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 127
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
 Leader: We come before You, O God, to confess what you already know. We desire to trust You with our lives, but our faith is weak.
People: We behave in very thoughtless and unloving ways.
 Leader: We twist the truth to justify our actions and prejudice.
People: We find fault and speak harshly of others.
 Leader: We ignore those in need and seek our own comfort and safety.
People: We desire to live in Your favor, but we become fearful to witness to Your goodness and grace.
 Leader: We humbly bow before You, O God, asking for Your grace and pardon.
People: Forgive us, Lord. Enter our hearts and cast out everything that keeps us from living faithful lives of peace and service. Teach us how to worship You in spirit and in truth.
 (a time for personal reflection)
 Leader: God hears our cries and responds to us with love and mercy. Find comfort and strength in the good news of the Gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ, we find living water and forgiveness! Thanks be to God. AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 5:1-11

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Irene Brown
Joshua Harry
Renee Jah

***HYMN OF REFLECTION** "You Are My King" Words on Screen

OFFERTORY "Were You There?" arr. Joel Raney

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GOSPEL READING** John 4:5-42

ANTHEM "Love Fills My Soul"

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leads me the quiet waters by.
Like streams of clear flowing waters pure, God's grace shall forever endure,
Restoring, refreshing, and making me whole with the love that fills now my soul.
My soul God does restore again; and me to walk at length
Within the paths of righteousness, even for His own name's sake.
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.*

SERMON "Losing My Keys" Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Grace Greater Than My Sin" No. 365
Verses 1, 2, and 4

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that is greater than all my sin*

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.

UMW BAKE & CRAFT SALE-- APRIL 2 IN THE CHURCH PARLOR

Plan to come to UMW's semi-annual bake sale **April 2 in the parlor from 9:00 AM-noon.**

Purchase homemade delicious cakes, breads, pies, and cookies

Purchase Easter ceramics and other crafts

Buy treats for your Sunday School class, friends, and home.

Help UMW support FUMC missions & church projects

YOUR PURCHASES AND DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED!

UMW Unit Meeting-Thursday April 6, 2017

—Hosted by Circle of Friends— Debbie Shell, Circle Leader

—Executive Committee Meeting: 5:00 PM Conference Room

—Dinner: 6:00 PM Fellowship Hall

—Meeting: 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall

—Program: Sharon Cradic & Susan Davidson— FUMC Youth Program

—Meal prepared by Finley Cook— chicken, roasted potatoes, tossed salad & éclair cake

—Meal cost: \$7.00 at the door (\$8.00 if you want to include a tip)

—Contact Debbie Shell to make a reservation for dinner

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

Clare's Closet Update

A big thank you to all who donated warm clothing and outerwear, helped organize and size items, or assisted with the distributions. We are thrilled to report that approximately 400 items of winter clothing were given to men, women, and children in our community.

Although we have suspended distributions until next October, the collection box will remain in the connector, so please remember us as you clean out your closets!

Reminder: Fundraiser for Brother's Keeper **tomorrow** at Jason's Deli from 5:00-10:00. Remember to mention when ordering that you're there for Brother's Keeper!

March 26, 2017 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y ___ N ___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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	Susan Fields
Elizabeth Bailey	Elizabeth Powell
Brian Milby	Willie Hughes
Kim Slade	Clare Warren & parents
Tony Gentry	Lyndell Denny
Harold Greene	Howard Smith
Megan Smith & family	Serena Crowder & family
Helen Holyfield	Steven Smith
Betty Gouge	Phyllis Eorgan
Dot Woodby	Freddie Tester
Jeff, Eleanor & Charlie Power	Catherine Cartus
Britten Olinger	Eddie Gentry
	Barbara Higgins

The Senior Adult Gathering will be held Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM at Piney Flats UMC. It will include speaker Rev. Will Shewey, storyteller Rev. Amy Holmes, devotion leader Rev. Scott Brady, and music by Mrs. Loretta Bowers. The special offering will support Shades of Grace UMC. Registration is due by March 31. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. For more information, call 926-7533.