

Wednesday Night Fellowship

May 24, 2017 5:45 pm

Menu: Picnic-hot dogs, hamburgers & all the fixins

Program: Summer kickoff picnic

Reservations by Tuesday 5/23 **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 web-site 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 4/30/17

Revenues	165,878
Operating Expenses	198,340
Surplus/(Deficit)	(32,462)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

MAY 21-27, 2017

SUNDAY, MAY 21

9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 11:30 Graduate Recognition Reception- parlor
 4:30 youth activity
 4:30 Confirmation Class
 5:30 youth & children snack supper
 6:15 The Branch

MONDAY, MAY 22

6:00 SPR
 7:00 Leadership
 7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, MAY 23

5:00 Staff Meeting
 7:00 Circle of Hope at Kathie Tucker's home

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

4:00 Youth Council Meeting
 5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner & Program
 6:15 youth

THURSDAY, MAY 25

5:30 ELC Board Meeting
 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

SATURDAY, MAY 27

10:00 Community Mission Food Distribution- Neighborhood Center

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt
GREETERS: Novice Gross, Brian & Cathie Rosecrance, Katie Mahoney, Mark & Polly Crowder
PRAYER: Mike Eddy **CROSSBEARER:** Stephen Cradic
ACOLYTE: Hank Berning **BEADLE:** Jalen Pack
AUDIOVISUAL: John Cradic

First United Methodist Church



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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

May 21, 2017

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather us in, O Lord, and purify our hearts.

People: Our lives are filled with choices and doubts. We need Your assurance and peace.

Leader: Gather us in, O Lord, and make us one people.

People: Take away the things that separate us and bind us together in ministries of grace.

Leader: Gather us in, O Lord, and make us Your disciples.

People: Fill us with Your Spirit of Truth, that we may be living examples of Your mercy and unconditional love.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" No. 126

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

Leader: Holy and merciful God, we must really try Your patience. You have showed us Your Glory and blessed us with many gifts,

People: but when life gets tough, we doubt Your faithfulness and abiding presence.

Leader: You gave us Your only begotten Son to be our Savior,

People: but we get distracted, and we find other "gods" to consume our time and energy.

Leader: We have been commanded to love You, and to love our neighbor,

People: but we judge others who fail to live up to our standards and expectations.

Leader: Forgive us when we show our lack of faith and shallow discipleship.

People: Open our eyes to see the way Your grace is working in our lives, and in the lives of those around us. Teach us to follow Your commands, and to serve our families, friends, and neighbors with kindness, love, justice, and mercy.

(Time for personal reflection)

Leader: God has promised to never leave us or turn from us. Even in our times of doubt and darkness, God is with us and working through us. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: Jesus Christ loves us completely. By grace, we are redeemed and made whole to witness and to serve. To God be all praise and glory! AMEN

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:15-21

MORNING PRAYER AND THE 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** "Good, Good Father" Words on Screen

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 17:22-31

ANTHEM "Be Still and Know"

*Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is holy.
Be still O restless soul of mine. Bow before the Prince of Peace.
Let the noise and clamor cease. Be still and know that He is God.*

*Be still and know that He is faithful. Consider all that He has done:
Stand in awe and be amazed and know that He will never change.
Be still and know that He is God.*

*Be still and know He is our Father. Come, rest your head upon His breast.
Listen to the rhythm of His unfailing heart of love;
Beating for His little ones, calling each of us to come.
Be still.*

SERMON "Sabbath: Time to Be, and Be Together" Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Take Time to Be Holy" No. 395

***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.

Come celebrate with Joe and Pat Faber their 60th wedding anniversary next Sunday, May 28th from 2:00-5:00 at the International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough. (NO GIFTS PLEASE)

The Circle of Hope will meet on Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00.

It will be at the home of Kathie Tucker.

May 21, 2017 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y ___ N ___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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| Betty & Aldon Speer | The Martin family—Mark, Cookie, Tiffany & kids |
| Mary McClellan | Ralph & Joan Garland |
| Kristy Hodge Pratt | Nancy Jewell |
| Barbara Marrs | Bobbie Wells |
| Bonnie Marrs | Susan Fields |
| Elizabeth Bailey | Willie Hughes |
| Brian Milby | Clare Warren & parents |
| Kim Slade | Lyndell Denny |
| Tony Gentry | Howard Smith |
| Harold Greene | Steven Smith |
| Megan Smith & family | Phyllis Eorgan |
| Helen Holyfield | Freddie Tester |
| Betty Gouge | Catherine Cartus |
| Dot Woodby | Eddie Gentry |
| Jeff, Eleanor & Charlie Power | Barbara Higgins |
| Britten Olinger | Madeline Jenkins |
| Bill Peebles | Tom Palmer |
| Those facing addiction issues & the honeless | Ann Crowe |
| Mack Peterson | Preston Blake |
| Family of Diane Poarch | Joe Shell |
| | Carrol Waterbury |
| | Janey McElroy |

Join us in the parlor immediately after the worship service today for a reception honoring our graduates!