

NEED USED SOFTBALL GLOVES

Jeff & Serena Crowder will be serving on a mission team to the Czech Republic during the week of July 5-15. This is a softball camp where they will minister to about 80 children and youth and their adult leaders. This team is in need of many used softball gloves of all sizes for ages 5-18. **Do you have an old softball glove or two that are in a closet and no longer used? How about a relative or friend?** (No catcher or 1st base gloves needed.) If preferred, you can donate money as they will be purchasing gifts of T-shirts, caps, crosses and devotionals for the children.

This is a special ministry that works with kids, teaching them about Jesus Christ and what it means to be a disciple, all while having a great time playing softball. This is our church's continued ministry in the Czech Republic. If you have a used glove, please drop it off at the church office or contact Serena Crowder at (423) 833-1544.

The Leadership Pillar encourages everyone to fill out a spiritual gifts survey so we can all serve God and our church in the areas in which we are gifted! They are available in the narthex today .

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 28-JUNE 3, 2017

SUNDAY, MAY 28

9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 4:30 youth activity
 4:30 Confirmation Class
 5:30 youth & children snack supper

6:15 The Branch

MONDAY, MAY 29

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, MAY 30

5:00 Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

5:00 UMW Executive Committee
 6:00 UMW General Meeting & Dinner
 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978
 6:30 Finance Committee- Conference Room
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

6:30 Circle of Friends

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: Steve Gross **CROSSBEARER:** Macy Shell

ACOLYTE: Alex Uelhof **BEADLE:** Sammi Uelhof

AUDIOVISUAL: Ethan Morelock

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 28, 2017

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" Arr. Tim Doran

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to this place where God pours out love on us.

People: We come to replace our doubts and fears with God's abiding presence.

Leader: We gather with those around us who seek to follow Jesus.

People: We gather so that we might walk in paths of service hand in hand.

Leader: We gather so that our hearts may be open to God's calling.

People: We gather so that in peace and unity, we might glorify God's name.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" No. 152

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

Leader: God of all creation, we belong to You, and You made us to be a part of Your family. Yet, we do not always live as one in unity with Christ.

People: Through Christ, You made Your way known to us. Yet, our faith is small. We trust ourselves and choose to go our own way.

Leader: We forget that our neighbors are also our sisters and brothers.

People: We turn a blind eye to those who suffer, both far away and in our own city. We hold tightly to fears and prejudice, and push away those who may not act like us or look like us. We think others do not deserve our time, energy, or resources.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray.

People: Open our eyes to the glory of Your presence, and free us to love as we have been loved, so that all might know Your grace, and find eternal life.

(A time for personal confession)

Leader: Be humble and give all your worries to God, because God cares about you. God will support you and keep you from falling. My friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and called to be one with Him, in love and service. Thanks be to God. AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

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** “Blessed Be Your Name” Words on Screen

OFFERTORY “Ave Verum” Mozart/arr. Sanborn

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 17:1-11

ANTHEM

“Holy Is the Lord!”

*In my distress I prayed that God would hear my humble cry,
My earnest plea, my plaintive song that echoed through the night.*

*O God, do hear my prayer, come, heal my wounded soul;
Embrace me with Your love, make me whole.*

*The Lord is faithful, this I know, His mercies have no end.
He knows my deepest need, my Redeemer and my Friend.*

Oh, help me on life’s journey, I place my trust in You.

Remove my doubt, I know You’ll see me through.

Holy is the Lord! Holy is the God who reigns on high.

Holy is the Lord! Holy is the One who hears my cry.

Holy is the God of love who was, the One who is, and is to come.

Holy is the Lord!

O praise the Lord of earth and sky! O praise His holy name!

God’s faithfulness from age to age is evermore the same.

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing to the glory of His ways.

Live your life in wonder, love, and praise!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

SERMON “Joy: Living With Creativity and Purpose” Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” No. 664

***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 today from 2:00-5:00 at the International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough. (NO GIFTS PLEASE)

The UMW general meeting will be held on Thursday, June 1st in the fellowship hall. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm, followed by the business meeting and program. Our program is being presented by Reclaimed, a charming gift and decorating business located in downtown Johnson City. The executive board meeting will be held in the conference room at 5:00 pm. We would be delighted to welcome any woman in the church to this meeting and invite you to join us.

May 28, 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 |

Church family,

Thank you for your loving gifts and prayers for the Mexico Medical Team. Your gifts helped in serving 1500 people with much needed medical care, including foot care and new shoes. I am happy to share my experience with you individually or in a group.

Anna Kapoor