

Taste of First Methodist

Next Sunday, January 6,
from 4:30 to 6:00 in the Fellowship
Hall

A night of gathering and giving to
support the Food Pantry

Sponsored by the Outreach Pillar

Join us for an evening of food and
fellowship while supporting our Food
Pantry. Small groups (Sunday School
classes, UMW Circles, Bible Study
groups, Choir, Youth, etc.) are asked
to provide treats to share. The plates,
napkins, and beverages will be
supplied by the Outreach Pillar. Since
we are in the Fellowship Hall,
Outreach will also take care of
decorations.

The Food Pantry Committee has
requested support in the form of **jars
of peanut butter, boxes of saltine
crackers (4 sleeves of crackers
per box) and monetary
contributions.** You may bring
these items the night of our event. If
you cannot attend the Taste, you may
drop off food items outside the church
office. Monetary contributions
designated for the Food Pantry can be
made through your normal process for
giving.

For any questions about this event,
contact Lana Scott, Nancy Campbell,
or Janice Moore.

Thanks from the Outreach Pillar for
supporting this event!

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



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

DEC. 30, 2018-JAN. 5, 2019

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:15 Sunday School
9:15 Fifth Sunday Breakfast
10:30 Worship Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

11:00 Children & Junior High New
Year's Celebration

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

6:00 Wayfinders
6:30 Finance Committee
7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

6:30 Circle of Friends

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: Katie Mahoney, Janice Moore, Carla Peterson,
Joanne Peterson, Judy Cook

GREETERS: Art Eckerson, Brian & Cathie Rosecrance,
Mark & Polly Crowder, Kent & Midge Merrill

PRAYER: Kathie Tucker **CROSSBEARER:** Claudia Davidson

ACOLYTE: Molly Huff **BEADLE:** Ellie Nelson

AUDIOVISUAL: Karl Kapoor



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Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin

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

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 30, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" Setting by Paul Manx

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christmas Day came and is now fading from our memory,

People: but the Baby born to be our Savior lives on.

Leader: The gifts we gave and received are all opened and put away,

People: but our God, who came to love us, keeps on giving.

Leader: The world's observance is over.

People: But we, the church, still celebrate.

Leader: If we listen, we can still hear the angels' song.

**People: We hear, we remember, and we lift our voices with theirs in
singing praise to the newborn King.**

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 240

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

Leader: Our Father, it's only a few days after Christmas and we are beginning to struggle.

People: We have been reminded of Your great love in the birth of Your Son, Jesus. We have enjoyed family and friends. We have felt the joy of sharing with others in need. But now the world is calling us back to "normalcy," and it is hard in the "normal" times to keep our eyes focused on You.

Leader: Forgive us when we forget the warmth of Christmas and the joy of loving and serving.

People: Give us the will and courage to live as people of the light in every season. Give us the warmth of Your presence, and strengthen us daily for joyful service in Your name.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: In the stillness, feel the presence of God in this place, warming our hearts, forgiving our sins, calming our fears, and preparing us for service in His name. My friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: Through Jesus Christ, born in human flesh, we are loved and forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians 3:12-17

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** "What Child is This?" No. 219

OFFERTORY "Coventry Carol" Arr. By Jay Rouse

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:41-52

ANTHEM "Celtic Christmas Lullaby"

*In a lowly stable in Bethlehem, under starlight glowing above,
A gift was given, a Child was born, and heaven spilled over with love.*

From a quiet hillside near Bethlehem came shepherds seeking the Child;

And they fell to their knees as they worshipped Him,

Mary's baby so tender and mild.

And the manger cradled a holy sight, and the stars began to sing

As the angels danced in the morning light, all the bells of heaven did ring!

And the rocks and the rivers and the mountains rejoiced, and the whole wide world did sing,

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel. Welcome the newborn King."

And as Mary whispered a lullaby, heaven's angels sang of His birth

Of joy to the world, of love's pure Light, and the promise of peace on earth.

SERMON "The Journey" Fran Waterbury

***HYMN** "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 238

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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.

December 30, 2018 Prayer Requests

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Requested by _____

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| Prayer list: | Cody Hammond |
| Barbara Marrs | Joe Campbell |
| Elizabeth Bailey | Mitch Link |
| Ralph & Joan Garland | Michael Harrell |
| Nancy Jewell | Roy & Sharyn Lessly |
| Bobbie Wells | Jane Wilhoit Anderson |
| Elizabeth Wells | Nancy Wilhoit Norris |
| Clare Warren & parents | Emily Hawkins |
| Catherine Cartus | Christy Cagle |
| Tom Palmer | Beth Minutolo |
| Kevin Jones | Betty McGaha |
| Carrie Denny | Steve Holmes |
| Bob & Dee Lentz | Phil & Donna Pipkin |
| Carolyn Wood | Vivian Eckerson |
| Sue Speer | Clare May |
| LaMarr Talley | Tina Morrison |
| Evelyn Moore | Oliver Johnson |
| Jo Cross | G. G. Kline |
| Edna Johnson | Brenda Logan |
| Jerry & Judy Rust | Terry Ponder |
| Bill & Mary McClellan | Louise Scott |
| Gary J. Harkins | Marsha Pierce |
| Magnolia Ridge family of recovery | Mary Jane Furchess |
| Frannie Knouse | Mike Lowe |
| Rev. David Neel | Midge Merrill |
| Jim Paveglio | Ronnie Pickle |
| | Mary Hollingshead |

Sympathy is extended to family and friends of Betty Speer, who passed away on Thursday.