

Wednesday Night Fellowship

February 28, 2018 5:45 pm

Menu: Spaghetti, fruit cup, salad bar, bread, dessert

Program: Women & Faith: the Role of Women in Strengthening Faith, led by Bill Carter

Reservations by Tuesday 2/27 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.




2017 Operating Funds Summary as of 12/31/17

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| Revenues | 549,324 |
| Operating Expenses | 552,202 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (2,879) |

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SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:
USHERS: David Denny, Ben Peeples, Art Eckerson, Alan LeClair
GREETERS: Novice Gross, Katie Mahoney, Brian & Cathie Rosecrance, Mark & Polly Crowder
PRAYER: Dianna Boarman **CROSSBEARER:** Taylor Nichols
ACOLYTE: Alex Uelhof **BEADLE:** Sammi Uelhof
AUDIOVISUAL: John Cradic

WEEKLY CALENDAR
FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 3, 2018
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 4:30 Bible Journaling Group
 4:30 Children & Youth Activities
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper
 6:15 The Branch
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26
 7:00 Boy Scouts
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
 4:30 Staff Meeting
 6:00 Futures Team Meeting
 6:30 Security Group- Open Door
 7:00 Circle of Hope- Parlor
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
 4:15 Youth Choir
 5:00 Guitar Class
 5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner & Program
 6:15 Children's Choir
 6:15 Children & Youth Activities
 7:30 Chancel Choir
THURSDAY, MARCH 1
 10:00 Circle of Faith- Conf. Room
 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978
 6:00 College-Age Women's Group- parlor
 6:30 Finance Committee-Conf. Room
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym
FRIDAY, MARCH 2
 6:30 Circle of Friends



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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 25, 2018
The Second Sunday of Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Sarabande" Gerald Near

CALL TO WORSHIP
 Leader: On this second Sunday of Lent, we open our hearts to God's unending love.
People: In the darkness and uncertainty of life, we seek the brightness of God's presence.
 Leader: Don't be afraid, for God is with you.
People: In troubled and disturbing times God's love is constant.
 Leader: Therefore, we will rejoice and proclaim God's salvation.
People: For God's mercy is great and He is worthy to be praised.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Jesus Shall Reign" No. 157

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

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that our sins turn our hearts from You again and again.

People: We talk much about following Jesus, but we hold back, fearful of the cost.

Leader: We plead for Your forgiveness, but we have trouble forgiving others.

People: We value truth, but we rationalize our actions and fudge our own integrity.

Leader: We delight in Your love, but we place conditions on our love to others.

People: We look to the cross of Christ for our salvation, but we avoid taking up our own.

Leader: We often become silent when called to speak Your words of truth and justice.

People: We want to save our lives and gain the world also. Have mercy on us.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God hears our prayers, has mercy on us, and walks with us on our journey of faith. My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: In the saving work of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called to new life. Thanks be to God. AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 4:13-25

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Abigail Elizabeth Clements

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Kristen & Matthew Clements

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** "Lead Me to the Cross" Words on Screen

OFFERTORY "Wondrous Love" arr. Jan Sanborn

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 8:31-38

ANTHEM "Trust In the Lord With All Your Heart"

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
Lean not unto your own understanding.
Trust in the Lord with all your strength, with all your might.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
O trust in God all the days of your life.
Delight yourself in all His ways.
Trust in His mercy, rest in His grace.
Make your life a sacrifice of praise.*

SERMON "Journey Through Sacrifice" Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Take Up Your Cross" No. 415

***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.

1st Church Softball Team

Kristen Clements & her dad, Cal Klem, are organizing an FUMC softball team to play in the upcoming church league. This will be a co-ed team ages 16 & up. Contact the church office at 928-9222 or email kelements@gmail.com to sign up. The season begins in late April.

Circle Meetings This Week

—The **Circle of Hope** will meet Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

—The **Circle of Faith** will meet Thursday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room

The **Security Group** will meet Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Open Door Classroom

February 25, 2018 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y ___ N ___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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| Betty & Aldon Speer | Bob & Dee Lentz |
| Mary McClellan | Carolyn Wood |
| Kristy Hodge Pratt | Joan Tansil |
| Barbara Marrs | Bobby & Viola Seay |
| Elizabeth Bailey | Sue Speer |
| Nannie Greene | Jo Cross |
| Dot Woodby | Our church |
| Mack Peterson | Our nation |
| Ralph & Joan Garland | Kim Church |
| Nancy Jewell | LaMarr Talley |
| Bobbie Wells | Evelyn Moore |
| Elizabeth Wells | Beth Woodby & family |
| Willie Hughes | Steve Holmes |
| Clare Warren & parents | Donna Royston |
| Howard Smith | Vicky Coffman |
| Catherine Cartus | Linda Church |
| Tom Palmer | Isaac Stephenson |
| Carrol Waterbury | Vivian Eckerson |
| Kevin Jones | Rev. Donna Hester |
| Carrie Denny | Eden Pendergrass |
| | Marie Gough |

Sympathy is extended to John and Lisa

Ousley in the death of John's mother,

Evelyn Ousley, who passed away

February 19 and in the death of Lisa's

father, William Murphy, who passed

away this week.