

Wednesday Night Fellowship

February 7, 2018 5:45 pm

Menu: Meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, salad bar, bread, dessert

Reservations by Tuesday 2/6 **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

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

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WEEKLY CALENDAR
FEBRUARY 4-10, 2018
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
 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 5
 7:00 Boy Scouts
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
 4:30 Staff Meeting
 6:00 Trustees Meeting
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
 5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner & Program
 6:15 Children's Choir
 6:15 Children & Youth Activities
 7:30 Chancel Choir
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8
 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978
 6:00 Skate Inn Faith & Family Night
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
 Children to Rez Kids

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:
USHERS: David Denny, Art Eckerson, Jim Heaton, Mitch Robinson, Steve Love
GREETERS: Grier Washam, Betty Gouge, Jamee Roberts, Ernie Cross
PRAYER: Novice Gross **CROSSBEARER:** Molly Huff
ACOLYTE: Claudia Davidson **BEADLE:** Zane Huff
AUDIOVISUAL: Ethan Morelock

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 900 Spring Street Johnson City, TN 37604
 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 4, 2018
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING
PRELUDE "St. Denio" Setting by Wilbur Held
CALL TO WORSHIP
Please see insert for Celebration of Scout Sunday
INVOCATION
***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Ye Servants of God" No. 181
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
 Leader: How can we look at this world and not sing Your praises, O God?
People: The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering! Your blessings are numerous, and yet, we have a tendency to take all we have for granted.
 Leader: We allow the business of the world to control our lives.
People: Our schedules and personal agendas become our priority, pushing God's call and claim on our lives to the back burner.
 Leader: We turn our backs on people in need, leaving the weak and the downtrodden unnoticed and alone.
People: We become absorbed in our own lives, and fail to listen as God calls us to serve others with deeds of kindness, acceptance, and grace.
 Leader: Forgive us, Lord.
People: Forgive us, loving Father. Open our eyes. Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities. Take away the demons of arrogance, indifference and apathy. Show us again the joy we find in serving You.
 (a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Do not lose heart. Jesus has come to heal our spirits and renew our souls. A new and abundant life is offered to us by grace. Rejoice and be glad, for God's love is poured out on us this day.

People: We are renewed, restored, forgiven and loved by Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:28-31

MORNING PRAYER

***HYMN OF REFLECTION** "Everlasting God" Supplement No. 3021 & Words on Screen

OFFERTORY "Jesus Shall Reign" Arr. Victor Labenske

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

***GOSPEL LESSON** 1 Corinthians 6:16-23

ANTHEM "We Magnify Your Name"

You have a name above all names, the name by which we are saved.

You are the Way, the Truth, the Life, worthy of all our praise!

We magnify Your name, Your wondrous name of love.

We gladly praise and worship You: be ever lifted up.

We magnify Your name, our reverent song we raise.

O precious Jesus, we magnify Your name.

Great is Your name in all the earth, for great was Your sacrifice.

You are the spotless Lamb of God. May You be glorified!

Jesus, precious Jesus, You alone are worthy!

Raising up our hearts and hands, we hail You King of kings!

Jesus, blessed Jesus, only You are holy!

Name greater than all names, for all eternity.

SERMON "Our Story" Mr. Drew Cradic

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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 COMMITMENT** "Lead On, O King Eternal" No. 580

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations. Son of God and Son of man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forevermore be Thine.

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.

Dear Friends at First UMC,

Thank you so much for your continued expressions of love for me and my family during my mom's recent illness and death. I have received so many cards and am so thankful for all of you. The care you have shown to me has helped tremendously with the pain of grief. I am so blessed to be part of this church and daily thank God for you.

Blessings,

Jane Taylor

God is still in the miracle business-- but we already knew that! 2017 was a difficult year for our church operating budget (that's the fund that keeps the church's ministries running, lights on, building maintained, staff paid, etc.) By the end of August we had a year-to-date deficit (giving vs. spending) of \$52, 655, which improved a little in September but stayed around \$45,000 through November. And then, in December, the MIRACLE happened and we ended 2017 with a deficit of only \$2,879. That's still a deficit-- but it's one we can work with! You can find budget and spending details on the back of your Statement of Giving, or you can contact the treasurer for a copy.

The miracle is even bigger than that, though! Beyond the operating budget we funded two mission trips and the youth choir's learning at Montreat, bought a new-to-us van, and supported our food pantry, the English Speaking UMC in Prague, the Mexico medical mission, UMCOR, camping ministries, and various other outreach ministries. AMAZING! Money for these things came from directed giving, fundraising, and even some grants!

First UMC is ALIVE and thriving! God is going to do great things here in 2018!

The junior high youth is in need of **hammers to borrow** for a project on February 21. If you have one to loan, please make sure your name is on it and leave it in the print room. Thank you!

Thelma Britton, longtime church member, passed away Sunday, January 28 in Nashville. She was buried at Monte Vista on Saturday.

February 4, 2018 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y ___ N ___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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

Evening on Spring Street is an elegant dinner and entertainment by the youth. It will be in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 17 at 6:00. Come fellowship with your church family and friends while supporting our youth! Child care will be available. Reserve your seat in advance at the table in the parlor on Sundays, on Wednesday nights, or by placing this slip in the offering plate. Recommended minimum donation: \$10 adults, \$7 children.

Name _____
Number of Adults _____
Number of Children _____