

Reminder: No Wednesday night activities for adults this week but the children and youth will meet on their regular schedules.

**Easter Celebration!**

On Saturday, March 31st, we will be having a family Easter event at the church from 10:00-12:00. There will be arts, crafts, storytelling, and an egg hunt. Volunteers to assist are needed! Call/text Kati Uelhof at (423) 557-6844 for more information. Invite a friend and join us to celebrate our Risen Lord!

Elizabeth Bailey would love to have visits and phone calls from her friends at 1st Church. Her phone number is 928-1341. Call between 9:30 and noon to make arrangements to visit. She is unable to answer the door, but a private duty nurse will be there to let you in.

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



**Year-to-Date Operating Funds as of 2/28/18**

Revenues	76,257
Operating Expenses	97,879
Surplus/(Deficit)	(21,622)

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**  
**MARCH 11-17, 2018**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 11**  
 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, MARCH 12**  
 7:00 Boy Scouts  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 13**  
 4:30 Staff Meeting  
 7:00 Church Council- Conf. Room  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14**  
 9:00 Intercessory Prayer Ministry- Chapel  
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper  
 6:15 Children's Choir  
 6:15 Children & Youth Activities  
 7:30 Chancel Choir  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 15**  
 2:00 Sisters Group- Parlor  
 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978  
 6:00 College-Age Women's Group- Parlor  
 6:30 Connections/Communications Meeting  
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 16**  
 10:00 FUMC serves at the Melting Pot  
 6:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 17**  
 10:00-12:00 Children & Parents gather at Into the Fire  
 Mexico Mission Trip begins

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**  
**USHERS:** David Denny, Calvin McMann, Roger Bailey, Frank Mohap  
**GREETERS:** Grier Washam, Betty Gouge, Ernie Cross, Sharon Cradic  
**PRAYER:** Ben Peebles **CROSSBEARER:** Josie Roberts  
**ACOLYTE:** Jaliyah Woods **BEADLE:** Zane Huff  
**AUDIOVISUAL:** Karl Kapoor



**First United Methodist Church**  
 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**  
**March 11, 2018**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**  
**PRELUDE** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Arr. Alvin Whitworth  
**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
 Leader: On this fourth Sunday of Lent, we gather to celebrate God's great love for us and for the world.  
**People: We turn away from darkness to seek the light of God's love.**  
 Leader: In the fullness of time, God sent His Son to witness to that love.  
**People: We gladly open our hearts to receive God's Good News.**  
 Leader: We lift our voices in praise because God's love is everlasting.  
**People: As we worship, we will prepare ourselves to follow Jesus.**  
**INVOCATION**  
**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384  
**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**  
 Leader: God our Savior, we have experienced Your great love and we still fall into the trap of disobedience.  
**People: We are tempted by the voices of the world, and we too often shift our eyes away from Your truth to follow other paths.**  
 Leader: When we are confused and doubtful, help us spend more time seeking the light of Your presence.  
**People: When we gossip and criticize, humble us with a fresh encounter of Your unqualified love.**  
 Leader: When we make excuses for being unfaithful, call us to face our responsibilities as Your disciples.  
**People: When we are judgmental and intolerant of others, confront us with Your free grace, given to all Your people.**  
 Leader: When we become bored and lazy believers, revive us with the passion of the faith that first brought us to Your salvation.  
**People: Merciful God, we humbly look to You to heal us from our sins and strengthen us to be Your people, created in Christ Jesus to do good things in Your world.**  
 (a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that through Him the world might be saved. Though we were dead through our sins, in great mercy, God has spoken a word of healing, and made us alive together with Christ. That is the good news of the Gospel!

**All: Thanks be to God for His amazing love! AMEN**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Ephesians 2:1-10

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER** Steve Robbins

**FAITH PROMISE**

**COMMISSIONING TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

**Anna Kapoor, Karl Kapoor, Mike Scott**

Pastor: All who take upon themselves the name of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ. As Anna, Karl, and Mike begin their work among the people of Tatoxcac, Mexico, we pray the blessings of God and this community upon their endeavors.

**People: We recognize you as ambassadors of this congregation in ministry with the people of Tatoxcac, Mexico and dedicate you to service in the name of Jesus Christ. Through our prayers, we will be united with you in your work. May God richly bless your labors.**

Pastor: Let us affirm our belief in the responsibilities of Christian service.

**People: We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts. We commit ourselves to the rights and dignity of all persons and to the improvement of the quality of life. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world and to the rule of justice and law among all nations. We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs, and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world.**

**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** "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone" Words on Screen

**OFFERTORY** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Arr. Jan Sanborn

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 95

**\*GOSPEL LESSON** John 3:14-21

**ANTHEM** "For God So Loved the World"

*For God so loved the world, He gave His priceless pearl.*

*For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son.*

*Love came that none should die. Christ came, a sacrifice,*

*That whosoever believeth in Him would have eternal life.*

*For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,*

*But that the world through Him might live.*

**SERMON** "Journey From Darkness to Light" Rev. Jane Taylor

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "More Love to Thee, O Christ" No. 453  
Verses 1, 2, and 4

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow*

*In kindling thought and glowing word*

*Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.*

**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.**

**Bowling for Brother's Keeper is Right Up Our Alley!  
Please Join Us for the 2nd Annual Bowling Event!**

Yes, it IS a fundraiser. But it is a FUN event and for a good cause!

**The Event:** 2nd Annual Bowling for Brother's Keeper

**Date and Time:** Friday, April 13th from 7:00-9:00

**Details for Registration:** Registration forms may be found on the website at [www.BrothersKeeperTN.org/Bowling](http://www.BrothersKeeperTN.org/Bowling) For more information, you may call 423-268-4624, email [info@BrothersKeeperTN.org](mailto:info@BrothersKeeperTN.org), or see Deborah Grant.

March 11, 2018 Prayer Requests

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Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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](mailto:kelements@gmail.com) to sign up. The season begins in late April.