

**Wednesday Night Fellowship**

March 21, 2018 5:45 pm

**Menu:** Pork loin, potatoes, green beans, salad bar, bread, dessert

**Program:** Women of the Bible, led by Jim Heaton

Reservations by Tuesday 3/20 **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**.



**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 18-24, 2018**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 18**  
 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 19**  
 7:00 Boy Scouts  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 20**  
 4:30 Staff Meeting  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21**  
 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 22**  
 5:30 ELC Board Meeting  
 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978  
 6:00 College-Age Women's Group-Parlor  
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 24**  
 10:00 Community Mission Food Distribution- Neighborhood Center  
 4:00 Hayes/Powers Wedding

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**  
**USHERS:** David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt  
**GREETERS:** Art Eckerson, Ann Mohap, Donna Robbins, Kent & Midge Merrill  
**PRAYER:** Cathy Peebles **CROSSBEARER:** Alex Uelhof  
**ACOLYTE:** Avery Nelson **BEADLE:** Ellie Nelson  
**AUDIOVISUAL:** John Cradic

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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**  
**March 18, 2018**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**  
**PRELUDE** "Reprise" Paul Manz  
**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
 Leader: On this fifth Sunday of Lent, let us tune our ears to hear God's Living Word.  
**People: Let our fears be vanquished and our spirits restored.**  
 Leader: Let us worship with a full sense of awe and expectation.  
**People: Let us drop the things of the past which weigh us down.**  
 Leader: God offers us new lives of joy and purpose.  
**People: We open ourselves to the wonder of God's unending love.**  
**INVOCATION**  
**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" No. 152  
**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**  
 Leader: We come before You, O God, to confess what You already know. We desire to trust You with our lives, but our faith is weak.  
**People: We behave in very thoughtless and unloving ways.**  
 Leader: We twist the truth to justify our actions and prejudice.  
**People: We find fault and speak harshly to others.**  
 Leader: We ignore those in need to seek our own comfort and safety.  
**People: We allow fear to stifle our witness and hide Your goodness and grace.**  
 Leader: We humbly bow before You, O God, asking for Your mercy and pardon.  
**People: Forgive us, Lord. Enter our hearts, give us Your peace, and assure us of Your presence. Help us to rid our hearts of everything that keeps us from faithfully following You.**  
 (a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God hears our prayers and sets us free to live in joy, gratitude, and service. My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are deeply loved, warmly embraced, and our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Jeremiah 31:31-34

**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** "Jesus Messiah" Words on Screen

**OFFERTORY** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Arr. Mark Hayes

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 95

**\*GOSPEL LESSON** John 12:20-33

**ANTHEM** "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

*And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?*

*Died He for me who caused His pain, for me who Him to death pursued?*

*Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?*

*He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace.*

*Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.*

*'Tis mercy all, immense and free, O praise my God, it reaches me.*

*Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?*

*No condemnation now I dread, Jesus, and all in Him is mine!*

*Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine.*

*Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.*

*Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me?*

**SERMON** "Journey Through Judgment" Rev. Jane Taylor

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 396

**\*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.**

REMINDER about the church mission the Neighborhood Food Pantry. We need your prayers and financial support so we can continue to help feed so many in our community that are in need. It costs \$600-800 per month to provide a nice box of food for a large number of families. Our average is about 140-150 boxes each month. This would be about 300 family members plus children.

The Pantry operates on donations only. We are not in the church budget and are not covered under the Faith Promise offerings. When making a donation, please write Food Pantry on your check so it will go to the right place. Matthew 25:31-46: Jesus commands us to feed the poor among us.

The next **Security Group** meeting is Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Open Door Classroom.

**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 18, 2018 Prayer Requests

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

**Prayer list:**

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

**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!