

Wednesday Night Fellowship

March 7, 2018 5:45 pm

Menu: Ham, oven roasted potatoes, broccoli, salad bar, bread, dessert

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

Reservations by Tuesday 3/6 **at noon**

Indicate # of people:

___ Adults & children over 12

___ Children age 3-11 (meal above)

___ Children 3-11 (PB&J/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 4-10, 2018

SUNDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 5

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

4:30 Staff Meeting
 6:00 Trustees Meeting- Conf. Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

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 8

6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978
 6:00 College-Age Women's Group-Parlor
 6:00 Skate Inn Faith & Family Night
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Art Eckerson, Jim Heaton, Mitch Robinson, Steve Love

GREETERS: Ken & Linda Talley, Kent & Midge Merrill, Bob Peebles, Karen & Dale Schmitt

PRAYER: Art Eckerson **CROSSBEARER:** Macy Shell

ACOLYTE: Zane Huff **BEADLE:** Renee Jah

AUDIOVISUAL: Ethan Morelock

First United Methodist Church



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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 4, 2018

The Third Sunday of Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "God of Grace and God of Glory" Arr. Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this third Sunday of Lent, our journey brings us to the temple in Jerusalem.

People: We come today, longing for God's presence in our lives.

Leader: This is the time and place to seek God's wisdom, truth, and forgiveness.

People: Our lives are full of distractions that demand our attention and block out God's voice.

Leader: Listen carefully. There is a place of quiet rest where God dwells within you, and calls to you.

People: We will lay aside our burdens and open our hearts to receive God's word.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" No. 64

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

Leader: Patient Lord, we have cluttered the "temples" of our lives with so many things that they have blocked out Your healing words of hope and mercy.

People: Forgive us when our personal agendas overshadow our faith in You, and harm our relationship with Your people.

Leader: Forgive us when greed cripples our ability to share.

People: Forgive us when fear keeps us from standing for truth and justice.

Leader: Forgive us when prejudice makes us unwilling to show others the unconditional love You have shown to us.

People: Forgive us when judgmental pride shuts down our ability to show compassion to those in need.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord.

People: Drive out of our lives anything that would keep us from following You and serving Your world with all our hearts, our souls, our minds, and our strength.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God knows our hearts, hears our prayers, has compassion on us, and gives us mercy. My friends, in faith, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: Through Jesus Christ, our lives are changed and we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

FAITH PROMISE Outreach Pillar Steve Reis

MORNING PRAYER

***HYMN OF REFLECTION** "Jesus Paid it All" Words on Screen

OFFERTORY "Were You There" Arr. Gilbert Martin

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GOSPEL LESSON** John 2:13-22

ANTHEM "Lord, Be With Us On This Day"

Lord be with us on this day, and in Thy presence may we evermore adore Thee. And Lord, be near and show the way, that we may follow in the path You choose.

Lord, be with us on this day, as with a humble heart we raise our mortal voices. And Lord, let us not go astray, for we are ever filled with doubt and with temptation.

Help us, O Lord, to love and understand all Thy ways both great and small. Lead us this day, O Lord, we humbly pray, so that we may heed Thy call.

SERMON "Journey Through Apostasy" Rev. Jane Taylor
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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** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" No. 297

***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.

**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! Can you imagine if your child had nothing meaningful or purposeful to look forward to every day? Brother's Keeper is fulfilling this unrecognized area of need. Participants at Brother's Keeper have the opportunity for continued education, training in life skills, job skills, wellness, art, community service, and more under the supervision of an educated and motivated staff.

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 For more information, you may call 423-268-4624, email info@BrothersKeeperTN.org, or see Deborah Grant.

March 4, 2018 Prayer Requests

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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 |

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.