

Wednesday Night Fellowship

April 18, 2018 5:45 pm

Menu: Spaghetti & meat balls, salad bar, bread, dessert

Program: Women of the Bible

Reservations by Tuesday, April 17 **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 3/31/18

Revenues	126,141
Operating Expenses	147,031
Surplus/(Deficit)	(20,890)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR
APRIL 15-21, 2018
SUNDAY, APRIL 15
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 4:30 Children & Youth Activities
 4:30 Bible Journaling
 4:30 Confirmation Class
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper
 6:15 The Branch
MONDAY, APRIL 16
 6:00 Softball Practice- Winged Deer Park, Field #3
 6:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym
 7:00 Boy Scouts
TUESDAY, APRIL 17
 4:30 Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
 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, APRIL 19
 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, APRIL 20
 10:00 FUMC serves at the Melting Pot
 Youth leave for spring retreat
SATURDAY, APRIL 21
 10:00 UMW Mission Trip to Second Harvest in Kingsport

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:
USHERS: David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt
GREETERS: Grier Washam, Betty Gouge, Ernie Cross, Sharon Cradic
PRAYER: Karl Kapoor **CROSSBEARER:** Taylor Nichols
ACOLYTE: Avery Nelson **BEADLE:** Ellie Nelson
AUDIOVISUAL:



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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
April 15, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Christ Hath Burst His Prison" Arr. Gilbert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How joyful it is to celebrate the good news of God's love.

People: We have been bought with a price and are called God's children!

Leader: Darkness cannot claim us.

People: Fear cannot bind us.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down;

People: let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Christ is Alive" No. 318

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

Leader: Loving God, we have been freed by Your work on the cross and have been called to live as people redeemed by Your grace.

People: We confess that it is difficult to be courageous disciples when we allow the fears and doubts of the world to overshadow the joy and hope we have been given in Jesus Christ.

Leader: You have commanded us to love the Lord our God more than anything, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

People: We confess that at times our voices are silent, our ways are not just, our attitudes are not forgiving, our words are not kind, and our actions are not loving.

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, forgive what we have become.

People: Help us to purify our minds and to grow in grace. Increase in us the desire to be righteous in the same way that Jesus is righteous.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: The resurrection gives us proof that the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called to go into the world to share the good news of God’s love to all people. AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 John 3:1-7

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** “You Are My All In All” Supplement No. 3040 and on Screen

OFFERTORY “Fantasy on an Easter Hymn” Gilbert Martin

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

***GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 24:36b-48

ANTHEM

“How Marvelous Are the Works of the Lord”

*How marvelous are the works of the Lord,
How excellent are His ways.
How wonderful is His glory and fame, ever the same,
Great is the name of the Lord.*

*Great is the God of Israel, and great are the works of His hands.
He alone is the King of kings, creation bows at His command.*

*Great is the God of Abraham and perfect is His law.
In majesty and in holiness He rules, Lord of all!*

SERMON

“Joy In Our Disbelief”

Mr. Steve Reis

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” No. 462

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more.*

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.

The Early Learning Center will be having a fundraiser at Petro’s (930 N. State of Franklin Rd.) next Tuesday, April 24th. It will be from 10:30am-10:30pm and ELC will receive 30% of the event sales. Come support our ELC and enjoy good food and fellowship!

Camp in the Community is coming to FUMC! June 18-22 will be an exciting week where we will be hosting a “summer camp” experience to those who could not otherwise afford to attend summer camp. This is an all-day camp from 9:00am-3:00pm. We need volunteers to help drive vans for pick-up and take-home, help in the kitchen, assistance with the children, and to be hosts for the CITC staff. This is an exciting opportunity to reach out to our neighbors, especially those in poverty, and share the gospel of Jesus Christ! More details and registration information coming soon!

FYI: The Security (Safety) Group name has been changed to the **Welcome Group.**

April 15, 2018 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y ___ N ___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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| Betty & Aldon Speer | Our nation |
| Kristy Hodge Pratt | Kim Church |
| Barbara Marrs | LaMarr Talley |
| Elizabeth Bailey | Evelyn Moore |
| Dot Woodby | Steve Holmes |
| Ralph & Joan Garland | Donna Royston |
| Nancy Jewell | Vicky Coffman |
| Bobbie Wells | Linda Church |
| Elizabeth Wells | Family of Isaac Stephenson |
| Willie Hughes | Vivian Eckerson |
| Clare Warren & parents | Rev. Donna Hester |
| Howard Smith | Eden Pendergrass |
| Catherine Cartus | Marie Gough |
| Tom Palmer | Edna Johnson |
| Carrol Waterbury | Jo Briggs |
| Kevin Jones | Chantal Vinson |
| Carrie Denny | Judy Rust |
| Bob & Dee Lentz | Bonnie Aubin |
| Carolyn Wood | Christy Cagle |
| Joan Tansil | Mike Cairnes |
| Bobby & Viola Seay | The Gouge Family |
| Sue Speer | Panita Norwood |
| Our church | Bill & Mary McClellan (no visitors please) |
| | Brian Milby |

Sympathy is extended to Joanne Peterson and family in the death of her brother-in-law, Mack Peterson, in Moses Lake, WV. He grew up attending First Church.

Sympathy is extended to Becky Hilton, Leslie Sams, and family in the death of their mother, Virginia Hilton.