

Wednesday Night Fellowship

September 19, 2018 5:45 pm

Menu: Barbecue, beans, slaw, dessert

Program: Half Truths by Adam Hamilton, led by Jim Heaton

Reservations by Tuesday, 9/18 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: 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 8/31/18

Revenues	345,187
Operating Expenses	373,220
Surplus/(Deficit)	(28,034)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER 16-22, 2018
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 4:30 Children, Youth, & Wayfinders Activities
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper
 6:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym
 6:15 The Branch
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
 7:00 SPR Meeting
 7:00 Boy Scouts
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
 4:30 Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
 4:15 Youth Choir
 5:00 Guitar Class
 5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner & Program
 6:15 Children & Youth Activities
 7:30 Chancel Choir
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
 6:00 Wayfinders
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
 10:00 FUMC serves at the Melting Pot
 5:00 Sr. High Youth to Science Hill football game
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
 LOVE JC Event
 10:00 Community Mission Food Distribution

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:
USHERS: David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt
GREETERS: Jamee Roberts, Ann Mohap, Bonnie Sampson, Joanne Peterson
PRAYER: Novice Gross **CROSSBEARER:** Macy Shell
ACOLYTE: Zane Huff **BEADLE:** Quinn Fox
AUDIOVISUAL: Ethan Morelock



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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
September 16, 2018
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" Arr. Gilbert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are not our own;

People: So, what we want, and what we think, should not get in the way of what God hopes for us.

Leader: We are not our own;

People: So, we should not choose the easiest or the most gratifying way to live.

Leader: We are not our own; we belong to God.

People: So, let us seek the wisdom of God, and live abundantly in faith.

Leader: We are not our own; we are called to lives of mercy and justice.

People: So, as children of God, we will forget ourselves, take up our cross, and follow the way of Jesus.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 400

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

Leader: Wise and all-knowing God, You see our hearts so clearly.

People: You speak to our lives so profoundly, and yet, we are often unable or unwilling to hear Your voice and follow where You lead.

Leader: Even as we praise You with our mouth, our tongues and thoughts betray us.

People: Forgive us for our hateful words, cruel gossip, and judgmental attitudes.

Leader: Forgive us when our hard hearts and stubborn ears fail to listen for Your voice.

People: Forgive us when we willingly ignore Your commandment to love one another.

Leader: Forgive us when we act as though we do not know You.

People: Help us live in Your love and walk in Your truth, so that we might be Your people, and You might be our God.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: With gentleness, God speaks to us. With graciousness, God forgives us. With joy, God embraces us.

People: With grateful hearts, we will proclaim God's redeeming love in our words and actions to all God's children. Thanks be to God! AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 3:10-15

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER Patricia Talley

MORNING PRAYER AND 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** "Lead Me to the Cross" Words on Screen

OFFERTORY "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Arr. Marilyn Thompson

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:27-38

ANTHEM

"O Sing Unto the Lord"

*O sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord all the earth!
O sing unto the Lord our God.*

*Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people,
Proclaim His salvation day by day.*

*The Lord is great and greatly to be praised,
He is above all other gods.*

*Praise the Lord with a new Hallelujah, praise Him with a new amen.
O sing unto the Lord our God!*

SERMON

"God, Make Me Big"

Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Open My Eyes That I May See" No. 454

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."

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.

-Please send submissions for the October newsletter to elisa.wardeska@1stchurchjc.org Deadline is September 20.

-The 18th Annual ETSU Wesley Foundation BBQ & Auction is next Sunday. Food service and silent auction begin at noon & live auction begins at 1:30. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

-The Fifth Sunday Breakfast has been rescheduled to October 7

-Charge Conference will be here at FUMC September 30 at 3:00 pm

-Trunk or Treat will be Wednesday, October 24 from 5:45-7:00

-Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available in the narthex

-We are still in need of donations of winter outerwear (coats, hats, gloves, socks, and sweaters) in all sizes for Clare's Closet. Donations may be dropped off in the connector. The first distribution day of the season is October 27.

-Holston Conference has issued a call for Cleaning Kits, Hygiene Kits, and monetary donations to assist our neighbors in the path of Hurricane Florence. For details on how to assemble these kits, there is a link on our website at www.1stChurchJC.org FUMC is also a safe place for hurricane evacuees.

September 16, 2018 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y ___ N ___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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| Betty & Aldon Speer | Bill Jenkins |
| Barbara Marrs | Magnolia Ridge family of recovery |
| Elizabeth Bailey | Cynthia Nieto |
| Dot Woodby | Mark Nottingham & family |
| Ralph & Joan Garland | Don Bettis |
| Nancy Jewell | Bryan Murphy |
| Bobbie Wells | Frannie Knouse |
| Elizabeth Wells | Brittany Newton |
| Clare Warren & parents | Rev. David Neel |
| Catherine Cartus | Jim Paveglio |
| Tom Palmer | Cody Hammond |
| Kevin Jones | Joe Campbell |
| Carrie Denny | Mitch Link |
| Bob & Dee Lentz | Michael Harrell |
| Carolyn Wood | Sharyn Lessly |
| Sue Speer | Al Shelnut |
| Kim Church | Jane Wilhoit Anderson |
| LaMarr Talley | Nancy Wilhoit Norris |
| Evelyn Moore | Midge Merrill |
| Linda Church | Emily Hawkins |
| Jo Cross | Christy Cagle |
| Edna Johnson | Beth Minutolo |
| Jerry & Judy Rust | Sue Zabala |
| Bill & Mary McClellan | Betty McGaha |
| Brian Milby | Steve Holmes |

There will be a Senior Adult Gathering Thursday, September 27, at 10:00 am at Unicoi UMC. Keynote Speaker will be Rev. Lauri Jo Cranford. Cost is \$10 (includes lunch) and the registration deadline is September 20. For more information, please call 926-7533.