

**Wednesday Night Fellowship**

January 16, 2019 5:45 pm

**Menu:** Chicken pot pie, fruit, salad bar, bread, dessert

**Program:** Update on General Conference, led by Lauri Jo Cranford (Three Rivers District Superintendent)

Reservations by Tuesday, 1/15 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 are 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.



Save the Date!

Evening on Spring Street,

an evening of dining and

entertainment by the youth,

will be February 9th.

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR  
JANUARY 13-19, 2019**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship Service  
3:00 Youth Council  
4:30 Children & Youth Activities  
5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper  
6:15 The Branch

**MONDAY, JANUARY 14**

3:30 High School Tutoring  
7:00 Boy Scouts

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**

4:00 High School Tutoring  
4:30 Staff Meeting  
6:30 SPR Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16**

4:15 Youth Choir  
5:00 Guitar Class  
5:30 Fellowship Dinner & Program  
6:15 Children & Youth Activities  
7:30 Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**

4:00 Junior High Tutoring  
6:00 Wayfinders  
7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**

10:00 FJMC serves at the Melting Pot

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**

**USHERS:** David Denny, Calvin McMann, Roger Bailey, Frank Mohap  
**GREETERS:** Ben & Cathy Peeples, Sean & Kendal Eden-Fox, Bob Peeples, Karen & Dale Schmitt  
**PRAYER:** Nancy Campbell **CROSSBEARER:** Alex Uelhof  
**ACOLYTE:** Sammi Uelhof **BEADLE:** Rose Jones  
**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 blue registration pad at one end of each pew.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

January 13, 2019

Baptism of the Lord

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**

**PRELUDE** "Spirit of Faith Come Down" Arr. Gilbert Martin

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As we gather here today, we recall that Jesus came to the water to be baptized.

**People: In baptism, we are claimed by God and freed from the power of hatred and death.**

Leader: In baptism we are joined to Christ and joined together in unity.

**People: "There is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female. We are all one in Christ Jesus."**

Leader: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for the ministry of proclaiming God's divine love to all.

**People: Therefore, we remember our baptism and celebrate. Let us worship God together.**

**INVOCATION**

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

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

Leader: God our Father, we confess that we have failed to live into Your promise of new life. We are eager to worship You and offer our praise,

**People: but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear You calling our name.**

Leader: We sing our songs of praise in the sanctuary,

**People: but fall silent in the routine of daily living.**

Leader: We gladly rejoice in our own salvation,

**People: but fail to share Your goodness and grace with others.**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, for living our lives safely and not being willing to discomfort ourselves for the sake of others.

**People: Let the power of Your ever-present Spirit strengthen us to proclaim Your love and Your justice in our community and throughout the world.**

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: The God who created you and shaped your life says this: "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are chosen, called, and forgiven. AMEN**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Acts 8:14-17

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER** Kelly Logan

**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** "Holy Spirit, You are Welcome Here" Words On Screen

**OFFERTORY** "O Breath of Life/Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Ar. Larry Shackley

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 94

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 3:15-22

**ANTHEM** "Spirit of Comfort, Spirit of Hope"

*Lord, You are God in the tempest and the gale.*

*Lord, You alone are God and Your mercies never fail.*

*For Your love is everlasting, and Your peace can calm our fears.*

*Lord, Your grace is like an ark sailing through a sea of tears.*

*Spirit, Holy, come and fill this house with grace. Spirit, Worthy, we are one in Your embrace.*

*Spirit, come inhabit all our praise as we worship and we pray,*

*Help us, Lord, to find our way, Spirit come, renew our hearts today.*

*Spirit, Holy, You are faithful You are true. Jesus, Worthy, all our joy begins with You.*

*Spirit, come empower all we do.*

*Make Your church a welcome place filled with mercy, love, and grace.*

*Spirit, come refresh our faith today.*

*Come, Spirit, shower us with promise and with love. Restore our lives, refresh our faith.*

*Stretch out Your rainbow of assurance before us. Descend with power on this place.*

**SERMON** "Baptism and Forgiveness" Rev. Jane Taylor

**REFLECTION**

O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love.

Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove

Will descend upon Your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

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**\*HYMN** "When Jesus Came to Jordan" No. 252  
Sung to the tune "Aurelia"

**\*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.**

I spent the first 18 years of my life in Gahanna, Ohio, before I moved to Evanston, IL to study music at Northwestern University. I earned a Bachelor of Music in percussion performance in 2007 and moved here to Johnson City where my older brother worked for Appalachia Service Project. I met my wife, Lisa, while we were both working at Starbucks, and we have been married since 2010. we now have two children, Ephraim (3) and Samuel (1.)

I returned to school and earned a master's degree in exercise science from ETSU in 2013. I hold coaching certifications from USA Triathlon, USA Cycling, USA Track and Field, and the National Strength and Conditioning Association. I spent a year working for Health Fitness Corporation as a contractor at Eastman Chemical Company before leaving that position to follow a call to the ministry.

I have completed a year of a Master of Divinity program at United Theological Seminary and will continue that program next fall as I ultimately seek ordination in the United Methodist Church. Lisa and I have been attending First Church since 2008 and I began working for the church as the Director of Outreach and Discipleship in 2015. My responsibilities to the church in the areas of outreach and discipleship are broad, and as a part-time employee, my primary duties are necessarily flexible to match the specific priorities in the different seasons of the church. I am currently the worship leader for The Branch on Sunday nights. I plan music, liturgy, and preach each week. In conjunction with this service, I help teach music at our Wednesday after school program. The Branch is an opportunity for our young people to use their new skills and become better disciples by being leaders in worship and I have been incorporating our children and youth into that service in different roles.

I currently oversee our young adult ministry, which is split into two overarching categories. Our Wayfinder group is for recent high school graduates who may or may not be in college, but fall close to that 18-24 year old range. I facilitate a weekly gathering every Thursday at 6:00 pm in the Neighborhood Center. This group is critical for our growing youth group as they graduate and transition to adult status in the church. The other group is our older young adults. I teach a Sunday school class called S.A.L.T. (Serving And Learning Together) that is geared toward this group. In addition, I create opportunities for these people to connect outside of the church, such as meals in each other's homes, or outings to special events.

In collaboration with the Connections Pillar, I ensure that we follow up with first-time visitors in a timely manner, and reach out to repeat visitors to help them explore ways to get more connected.

I occasionally serve as liaison between the church and various community events that may align with our mission, such as LoveJC last year sponsored by the Church Mobilization Network.

I generally field requests for assistance from the church and make decisions regarding how to spend funds set aside for that purpose. I also oversee our Faith Promise missions giving campaign, and with the help and approval of the Outreach Pillar, we make decisions regarding the missions our church supports with that fund.

I have recently assumed responsibility for the monitoring and maintenance of our security cameras.

In 2019 I look to expand the reach of The Branch as an entry point to the church, and to emphasize small group ministry, especially with our young adult groups. The church will continue to grow so long as our members have opportunities to find meaningful personal and spiritual connections, because disciples make other disciples.

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January 13, 2019 Prayer Requests

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

**Prayer list:**

Barbara Marrs	Joe Campbell
Elizabeth Bailey	Mitch Link
Ralph & Joan Garland	Michael Harrell
Nancy Jewell	Roy & Sharyn Lessly
Bobbie Wells	Jane Wilhoit Anderson
Elizabeth Wells	Nancy Wilhoit Norris
Clare Warren & parents	Emily Hawkins
Catherine Cartus	Christy Cagle
Tom Palmer	Beth Minutolo
Kevin Jones	Betty McGaha
Carrie Denny	Steve Holmes
Bob & Dee Lentz	Phil & Donna Pipkin
Carolyn Wood	Vivian Eckerson
LaMarr Talley	Clare May
Evelyn Moore	Tina Morrison
Jo Cross	Oliver Johnson
Edna Johnson	G. G. Kline
Jerry & Judy Rust	Brenda Logan
Bill & Mary McClellan	Terry Ponder
Gary J. Harkins	Louise Scott
Magnolia Ridge family of recovery	Marsha Pierce
Frannie Knouse	Mary Jane Furchess
Rev. David Neel	Mike Lowe
Jim Paveglio	Midge Merrill
Cody Hammond	Ronnie Pickle
	Mary Hollingshead
	Jessica Higginbotham

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