

Wednesday Night Fellowship

April 3, 2019 5:45 pm

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

Program: Lenten Study: Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton, led by Fran Waterbury

Reservations by Tuesday, 4/2 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.

Use this QR Code to access **online giving**.



CONTRIBUTIONS

Budgeted year to date through 3/31	151,045
Actual receipts through 3/24	114,189
Surplus/(Deficit)	(36,856)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

MARCH 31-APRIL 6, 2019

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

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

MONDAY, APRIL 1

5:00 High School Tutoring
 7:00 Boy Scouts
 7:30 Softball Practice- Winged Deer Park, Field #4

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

4:00 High School Tutoring
 4:30 Staff Meeting
 6:00 Trustees Meeting
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
 4:15 Youth Choir
 5:00 Guitar Class
 5:30 Fellowship Dinner & Program
 6:15 Children & Youth Activities
 7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

4:00 Junior High Tutoring
 5:00 UMW Executive Committee
 6:00 UMW General Meeting & meal

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

6:00 Wayfinders
 6:30 Finance Committee
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym
FRIDAY, APRIL 5
 6:30 Circle of Friends

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: Carla Peterson, Donna Robbins, Pat Faber, Judy Cook, Katie Mahoney
GREETERS: Grier Washam, Betty Gouge, Ernie Cross, Jenny Haun
PRAYER: Karl Kapoor **CROSSBEARER:** Alex Uelhof
ACOLYTE: Sammi Uelhof **BEADLE:** Rose Jones
AUDIOVISUAL:

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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.
 Information about 1st Church can be found inside the front cover.
 Please help yourself to any of these materials.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Fanfare in 'Marion'" Gilbert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this fourth Sunday of Lent, we remember God's great love for us and for the world.

People: For once we were lost and felt so far away, but now we have been found and welcomed home.

Leader: God's love is always upon us.

People: God's mercy gives us hope and fills our lives with joy.

Leader: Rejoice, for God has reconciled us and given us life abundant.

People: We give praise to our faithful God, whose love endures forever.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We confess, O Lord, that we struggle with choosing between following You and following our own selfish desires.

People: We are too fearful to trust that You will take care of us.

Leader: We get distracted by the temptations of life and fail in our discipleship.

People: We become too embarrassed to speak Your name.

Leader: We become too self-centered to notice the needs of those right beside us.

People: We are too stubborn to say, "I'm sorry."

Leader: We are too self-righteous to say, "I forgive you."

People: We are too judgmental and forget that You love us all the same.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we wander away from You.

People: Please forgive us. Renew in us the joy of being a part of Your family. Teach us to be ambassadors for Christ in the world that longs for Your love and understanding.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Even though we have wandered away, God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ, who knew no sin, but became sin for us. That is the good news of the Gospel.

People: Our hearts are amazed at the wondrous ways God loves and forgives. Thanks be to God for His unending grace. AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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** "Good, Good Father" Words on Screen

OFFERTORY "Variations on 'Amazing Grace'" John Carter

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

ANTHEM "Here is Love"

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness, as the flood,

When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood

Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?

He can never be forgotten throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened, deep and wide.

Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.

Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,

And God's peace and perfect justice kissed the guilty world in love.

SERMON "Are We the Prodigal or the Pharisee?" Rev. Jane Taylor

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Softly and Tenderly" No. 348
Verses 1, 2, and 4

***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.

Members of First Church:

Thank you for all the cards, visits and especially the prayers for Mom & Dad over the past few years. They both enjoyed the fellowship of their church family for over 60 years.

Randy Johnson

(son of Coolidge and Edna Johnson)

Faith Promise

Thank you for your continued support of the Faith Promise fund during 2019. This "second mile" giving supports a number of missions both within and beyond our local church. Beginning January 2020, Faith Promise will become part of the church operating budget under the Outreach Pillar. Look for more information as we approach Stewardship Sunday.

Graduation Recognition will be Sunday, May 19th during the 10:30 worship service, with a reception following in the Parlor. If you have a graduate in your family (high school, college, or other program), please send their information to office@1stchurchjc.org so they can be recognized during the service and in the bulletin.

- **Softball Practice** Monday night at 7:30- Winged Deer Park, Field #4
- **UMW General Meeting** and meal will be Thursday, April 4 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Executive Committee will meet at 5:00.

March 31, 2019 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y___ N___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:	Tina Morrison
Barbara Marrs	Oliver Johnson
Elizabeth Bailey	G. G. Kline
Nancy Jewell	Brenda Logan
Elizabeth Wells	Louise Scott
Catherine Cartus	Marsha Pierce
Tom Palmer	Mary Jane Furchess
Kevin Jones	Mike Lowe
Carrie Denny	Midge Merrill
Bob & Dee Lentz	Ronnie Pickle
LaMarr Talley	Jessica Higginbotham
Evelyn Moore	Steve Wilkinson
Jo Cross	Beverly Flanigan
Jerry & Judy Rust	Rev. Bill Carter
Bill & Mary McClellan	Sharon Davis
Gary J. Harkins	Mrs. Lawson
Magnolia Ridge family of recovery	Gary Roberts
Frannie Knouse	David Collins
Rev. David Neel	Kim Kinser
Roy & Sharyn Lessly	Brian & Linda Murphey
Jane Wilhoit Anderson	Becky Saunders
Nancy Wilhoit Norris	BJ & Brittany Ayers & daughter
Emily Hawkins	Anna Kapoor
Christy Cagle	Michael Smelser
Betty McGaha	Noah Cook
Steve Holmes	Lou Thornberry
Phil & Donna Pipkin	Corrine Ballard
Vivian Eckerson	