

As you are cleaning out your closets this summer, please consider donating to Clare's Closet. Any donations of warm winter outerwear (coats, hats, gloves, hoodies, etc.) would be appreciated! We are already beginning to prepare for our first distribution date in the fall. All sizes are needed but we are especially in need of adult sizes. Thank you!



### Capital Campaign Update

Campaign Goal	\$150,000
Total Donations (6/23-8/23)	\$67,095
Needed to Meet Goal	\$82,905

Your increased interest can equal reduced INTEREST. Your prayerful consideration of additional donations will be a blessing.

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



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#### WEEKLY CALENDAR AUGUST 25-31, 2019

##### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

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

##### MONDAY, AUGUST 26

6:30 Softball Game  
7:00 Boy Scouts  
7:30 Softball Game

##### TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

4:30 Staff Meeting  
6:00 Outreach Committee  
7:00 Circle of Hope- Parlor

##### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

4:15 Youth Choir  
5:00 Guitar Class  
5:45 Children & Youth Snack Supper  
6:15 Children & Youth Activities  
7:30 Chancel Choir

##### THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

6:00 Wayfinders  
7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

#### SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

**USHERS:** David Denny, Ben Peeples, Art Eckerson, Alan LeClair

**GREETERS:** Jamee Roberts, Ann Mohap, Bonnie Sampson,  
Joanne Peterson

**PRAYER:** Kathie Tucker **CROSSBEARER:** Macy Shell

**ACOLYTE:** Abragayle Roe **BEADLE:** Ellie Nelson

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

#### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 25, 2019

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

**PRELUDE** "The Spacious Firmament on High" Arr. Charles Callahan

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With great rejoicing, we enter the house of the Lord!

**People: We come to praise the One who is our refuge and our strength.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes, for God comes to us with compassion and love.

**People: We bring our burdened and broken spirits, seeking God's presence and healing.**

Leader: Rejoice! For the God who created you comes to redeem you and make you whole.

**People: We joyfully celebrate the Living God, who claims us and calls us to new life.**

#### INVOCATION

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" No. 154  
Verses 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God of grace, we would like to be people transformed in Your image,

**People: but selfish pride keeps us from bending our knees to You and yielding to Your will.**

Leader: We truly desire to be fountains of hope for others,

**People: but our hearts become hardened as we pursue our own interests and goals.**

Leader: We long to stand with those who are in need,

**People: but we become judgmental and rationalize our lack of generosity.**

Leader: Forgive us, Loving God, and renew our spirits.

**People: Split open our hearts, so that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Humble us, so that we might be true servants to the broken and the lost. Fill us with Your presence, so that our lives might share Your love and mercy to all Your children.**

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Our God has chosen to hear our prayer, to be merciful toward us, and to reclaim our lives. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**People: By faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN!**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Jeremiah 1:4-10

**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** "Who You Say I Am" Words on Screen

*Children 2nd Grade and younger are welcome to meet the adult leader at the door at the front of the sanctuary as the offertory begins to go to Children's Church.*

**OFFERTORY** "Be Thou My Vision" Arr. Joel Raney

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 94

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 13:10-17

**ANTHEM**

"Jubilate Deo"

*Come lift up to God a jubilant song, and burst out in fervent praise;  
For worthy is He of highest acclaim! Rejoice in His wonderful ways!*

*Jubilate Deo! Come with joy and worship the Lord!  
With resounding thanks let us sing! Come, adore the King of all kings!*

*Exalt the Lord God who calls us His own! With Him we will reign on high!  
Our hope is alive! Sing "Hallelujah!" And shout with great delight!*

*If we fail to bring the Lord a blessing of joyful praise,  
The rocks and hills will cry and shout! So sing with voices raised.*

**SERMON**

"Bound to Be Free"

Rev. Gary Ihfe

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone" Words on Screen

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.*

*My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.*

*And like a flood, His mercy reigns.*

*Unending love, amazing grace.*

**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.**

Sympathy is extended to Dianna Boorman & Debbie Saylor and family in the death of their mother, Helen Saylor, on August 16.

**Softball Schedule**

All games are played on Mondays at Winged Deer Park. Our team would love the support of our church family!

8/26	6:30 7:30	FUMC vs. Redeemer FUMC vs. Trinity Baptist	Field #2 Field #2
9/9	6:30 7:30	FUMC vs. Lynn Valley Baptist FUMC vs. Redeemer	Field #2 Field #2
9/16	7:30 8:30	FUMC vs. Believers Church FUMC vs. First Christian	Field #1 Field #1
9/23	6:30 7:30	FUMC vs. Lynn Valley Baptist FUMC vs. Trinity Baptist	Field #2 Field #2
9/30	Tournament Begins		

August 25, 2019 Prayer Requests

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

**Prayer list:**

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Barbara Marrs                     | Rev. Bill Carter         |
| Elizabeth Bailey                  | Gary Roberts             |
| Nancy Jewell                      | Brian & Linda Murphey    |
| Elizabeth Wells                   | Noah Cook                |
| Catherine Cartus                  | Lou Thornberry           |
| Tom Palmer                        | Lori Jones               |
| Kevin Jones                       | Ellen Ferguson           |
| Carrie Denny                      | Denver Parrett           |
| Bob & Dee Lentz                   | Sam Miller               |
| LaMarr Talley                     | Steve Roberts            |
| Evelyn Moore                      | Rocky Shew               |
| Jo Cross                          | Sam McPeak               |
| Jerry & Judy Rust                 | John Collins             |
| Gary J. Harkins                   | Anna Ruth & Russ Gregory |
| Magnolia Ridge family of recovery | Luke Holmes              |
| Roy & Sharyn Lessly               | Hannah Stevens           |
| Jane Wilhoit Anderson             | Nancy Wells              |
| Betty McGaha                      | Ken Diehl                |
| Steve Holmes                      | Doris Welch              |
| Steve Wilkinson                   | Kathy Deakins            |
| Beverly Flanigan                  |                          |

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study will resume on September 11th at 5:30. We will continue our study of Adam Hamilton's book Christianity & World Religions with a presentation on Judaism by Rabbi Arthur Rutberg of the B'nai Shalom Congregation. Join us for an interesting perspective of the Jewish faith!

The Circle of Hope will meet Tuesday, August 27, at 7:00 in the Parlor.