

Wednesday Night Fellowship

September 18, 2019 5:45 pm

Menu: Barbecue, baked beans, slaw, dessert

Program: Christianity & World Religions
by Adam Hamilton, led by Jim Heaton

Reservations by Tuesday, 9/17 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: 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.

Safe Sanctuary Training

Safe Sanctuary Training will be held next Sunday, September 22, immediately following the morning worship service. Lunch and child care will be provided. Anyone who works with children or youth in any capacity should plan to attend if possible.

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



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 15-21, 2019

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

7:00 Boy Scouts
7:30 Softball Game
8:30 Softball Game

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

4:30 Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10:00 FUMC serves at the Melting Pot

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

3:00-5:00 Visitation for the family
of Sam Miller

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt
GREETERS: Ben & Cathy Peeples*, Kendal Fox & Sean Eden, Chris & Katie Keinath, Karen & Dale Schmitt (*Indicates person(s) at Welcome Table)

PRAYER: Fran Waterbury **CROSSBEARER:** Alex Uelhof

ACOLYTES: Sammi Uelhof & Lydia Ihfe **BEADLE:** Lily Ihfe

AUDIOVISUAL: John Cradic



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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.

If you are a new visitor today, please stop by the Welcome Station immediately following the service, in the room at the rear of the sanctuary. We have a gift for you and want to meet you!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 15, 2019

14th Sunday After Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE

"To God Be the Glory"

Arr. Lloyd Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The goodness of God has called us to this place of worship.

People: It is here we can remember that God is with us.

Leader: It is here we can remember God's unending love.

People: It is here we can find purpose, peace, and hope for our lives.

Leader: Open your hearts and ears to learn of God's promises and faithfulness.

People: Teach us, Lord, to place our trust in You.

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" No. 66

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Gracious and ever-faithful God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in You.

People: In our heart of hearts, we know that we have made choices that are contrary to the Covenant Love You have shared with us.

Leader: We confess that we harbor doubts that challenge our faith.

People: We see a world filled with exploitation, destruction, poverty, and hopelessness. We question if You are with us, and if Your Kingdom of love and justice will ever prevail.

Leader: We confess that we allow fear to lead us down the road of suspicion, prejudice, and selfishness.

People: We tend to rely on our own abilities, our own plans, and our own devices, rather than wait patiently for Your Spirit to provide us with wisdom and peace.

Leader: We come seeking Your presence, Your forgiveness, and Your blessing.

People: Forgive us, Lord. Strengthen us to hold fast to Your unending love. Grant us the desire to grow in faith, to stand for truth, and to live as faithful disciples every day.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God comes to us in surprising ways. God wrestles with our doubt and forgives our sin. God has blessed us with the good news of the Gospel:

People: By the grace of God, we are made alive through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 3:14-21

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 "Forever" 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 "The Solid Rock" Arr. Joel Raney

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

ANTHEM "He Leadeth Me"

He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,

By waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:

His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in Thine, nor ever murmur, nor repine;

Content whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when by Thy grace, the victory's won,

E'en death's cold wave I will not flee; since God through Jordan leadeth me.

SERMON "Laughing With God" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

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.

Extra Security Monitors are needed for Sunday night and Wednesday night services. If interested, please contact a current Monitor or the church office at 928-9222.

UMCOR Hygiene Kits

What we need: hand towels (15x25-17x27), washcloths (no kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels for either), nail clippers, adhesive bandages (3/4 in. by 3 in.)

Please leave all supplies in the print room by **Wednesday, September 25th**. The Wayfinders will assemble the kits on Thursday the 26th.

Upcoming Events

Safe Sanctuary Training: Sunday, September 22 following worship. Lunch and child care will be provided. Anyone who works with children or youth is asked to attend this training.

Three Rivers District Conference: Sunday, September 22 at 3:00 at Elizabeth Chapel UMC, 1041 Elizabeth Chapel Road, Bluff City, TN, 37618

5th Sunday Breakfast: Sunday, September 29 at 9:15. The youth will be serving pancakes and waffles. Donations support youth ministries.

ETSU Wesley Foundation Auction and BBQ: Sunday, September 29 from noon-4:00 at the Wesley Foundation- 1100 Seminole Drive

UMW Sunday: September 29

Softball Schedule

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

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

September 15, 2019 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y___ N___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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

You are invited to a visitation for the family of Samuel Miller on Saturday, September 21 from 3:00-5:00 pm in the church parlor.

Sympathy is extended to Bob and Martha Hale and family in the death of their nephew, Jason Shearin, on September 8.