

Wednesday Night Fellowship

September 25, 2019 5:45 pm

Menu: Ham, oven roasted potatoes, broccoli casserole, salad bar, bread, dessert

Program: Homeland Security Guest: Jerry Stout

Reservations by Tuesday, 9/24 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.

Capital Campaign Update

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| Campaign Goal | \$150,000 |
| Total Donations (6/23-9/15) | \$69,395 |
| Needed to Meet Goal | \$80,605 |

Please prayerfully consider additional donations.

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



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 22-28, 2019

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
11:30 Safe Sanctuary Training
4:30 Children & Youth Activities
5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper
6:15 The Branch

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

5:30 ELC Board Meeting & Open House
6:00 Wayfinders
6:30 Connections/Communications
7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:00 Community Mission Food Distribution

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Ben Peoples, Art Eckerson, Alan LeClair

GREETERS: Wayne & Tegan Goins*, Betty Gouge, Ernie Cross,

Jenny Haun (*Indicates person(s) at Welcome Table)

PRAYER: Dianna Boarman **CROSSBEARER:** Avery Nelson

ACOLYTE: Ellie Nelson **BEADLE:** Drew Nelson

AUDIOVISUAL: John Cradic

First United Methodist Church

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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 22, 2019

15th Sunday After Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE

"St. Michael"

Setting by Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: For God is our refuge and our stronghold.

Leader: In times of uncertainty, our loving God will guide us.

People: In times of conflict, our faithful God will deliver us.

Leader: Come as you are to receive God's blessing.

People: We open our hearts and minds to praise our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer.

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"The God of Abraham Praise"

No. 116

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Creator God, we stand before You, believing in Your covenant promise of unending love, but knowing we have caused You to grieve by our lack of faith.

People: We struggle with our past, thinking we have done things You can never forgive. We struggle with our fears, thinking we are all alone and no one cares.

Leader: We struggle inside, knowing the times we have walked away from being faithful disciples.

People: We harbor anger, distrust, and prejudice. We make choices that hurt ourselves and others. We fail to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord.

People: Please forgive us. We seek Your mercy. Show us the joy of salvation and teach us to walk with You in service, love, and peace.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Even though we wander away, we are reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, who knew no sin but became sin for us. My friends, 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 the gift of never-ending grace. AMEN

GOSPEL READING Mark 14:32-36

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 “Your Grace is Enough” 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 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Arr. Lloyd Larson

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 32:9-13, 22-30

ANTHEM “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee.

I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;

My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in the sunshine’s blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seeks me through my pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain, and know the promise is not vain, morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that raises up my head, I dare not aske to fly from Thee;

I lay in dust life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

SERMON “Never Let Go” Rev. Gary Ihfe

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** “Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown” No. 386

***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.

Explore First Church

You are invited to learn more about the ministries of First Church, our United Methodist connection, and all the ways that you can be involved.

Classes begin on October 13 at 9:30 in the Parlor across from the sanctuary. Additional classes continue on October 20 & 27.

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: today 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: today at 3:00 at Elizabeth Chapel UMC, 1041 Elizabeth Chapel Road, Bluff City, TN, 37618

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

ETSU Wesley Foundation Auction and BBQ: **next Sunday** from noon-4:00 at the Wesley Foundation- 1100 Seminole Drive

UMW Sunday: September 29

Softball Schedule

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| 9/23 | 6:30 | FUMC vs. Lynn Valley Baptist | Field #2 |
| | 7:30 | FUMC vs. Trinity Baptist | Field #2 |
| 9/30 | Tournament Begins | | |

September 22, 2019 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y ___ N ___

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 | Steve Roberts |
| LaMarr Talley | Rocky Shew |
| Evelyn Moore | John Collins |
| Jo Cross | Anna Ruth & Russ Gregory |
| Jerry & Judy Rust | Luke Holmes |
| Gary J. Harkins | Nancy Wells |
| Magnolia Ridge family of recovery | Ken Diehl |
| Roy & Sharyn Lessly | Doris Welch |
| Jane Wilhoit Anderson | Beverly Flanigan |
| Betty McGaha | Family of Jason Shearin |
| Steve Holmes | |

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of Samuel B. Miller by his family.

Sympathy is extended to Chris & Janine Berning and family in the death of Chris’s mother, Anna M. Berning, who passed away on September 12. Services were held in Wisconsin.

Sympathy is extended to Alan & Barbara LeClair and family in the death of Alan’s father, Armond F. LeClair, who passed away on September 13. Services will be held in Mississippi.