

Wednesday Night Fellowship

September 11, 2019 5:45 pm

Menu: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar, bread, dessert

Program: Christianity & World Religions by Adam Hamilton, led by Rabbi Arthur Rutberg

Reservations by Tuesday, 9/10 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.

Bonnie Sampson Receives Honor

One member of our congregation was honored recently by being welcomed into the inaugural class of the Johnson City Schools Hall of Fame. Bonnie was a moving force in the city school system just as she has been a faithful servant of our church. Congratulations to Bonnie for a well-deserved honor!

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



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 8-14, 2019

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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 9

6:00 Leadership- Conference Rm.
6:30 Softball Game
7:00 Boy Scouts
7:30 Softball Game

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

4:30 Staff Meeting
7:00 Church Council

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 Intercessory Prayer Ministry
4:15 Youth Choir
5:00 Guitar Class
5:30 Fellowship Dinner & Program
6:15 Children & Youth Activities
7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

6:00 Wayfinders
6:30 Security Monitors Meeting
7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Calvin McMann, Roger Bailey, Frank Mohap
GREETERS: Novice Gross*, Katie Mahoney, Steve & Donna Robbins,
Ann Mohap (*Indicates person(s) at Welcome Table)

PRAYER: Nancy Campbell **CROSSBEARER:** Josie Roberts

ACOLYTE: Molly Huff **BEADLE:** Madelyn Wardeska-McGuire

AUDIOVISUAL: Karl Kapoor

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 8, 2019

13th Sunday After Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "All Creatures of Our God and King" Arr. Molly James

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the beginning we were conceived and centered in the promises of God.

People: From the beginning we have been caught up in the web of God's grace.

Leader: We are created to dance in the knowledge of God's love.

People: We are welcomed into God's garden of blessing.

Leader: God has woven into us the fabric of trust.

People: By faith we become children of the Most High.

Leader: Rejoice, for God is with us!

People: We open our hearts and minds to worship God in spirit and in truth.

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 92

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We confess that our ways are not Your ways and our thoughts are not Your thoughts.

People: We hear Your voice, but we are hard of hearing and our eyes are dim and cannot see.

Leader: You created us to walk with You in the garden of Your abundance,

People: but our curiosity causes us to wander and we go our own way.

Leader: You have freely made available all the good things that You prepared for us,

People: but we see the sights that dazzle, and we go our own way.

Leader: You know the plans You have for us; plans to help us prosper and not be harmed,

People: but we follow other voices, make our own plans, and we go our own way.

Leader: You have given us each other and instructed us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves,

People: but we are quick to judge, slow to forgive, unwilling to share, guard our pride, cherish our status, and go our own way.

Leader: Father, forgive us.

People: Father, forgive us. Teach us to seek Your kingdom and follow Your ways of truth and justice.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God, who knows our hearts, is love. God's free gift of grace leads us to faith. My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and through Him, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 5:15-19

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 "Jesus Paid It All" 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 "Where He Leads Me" Arr. Todd Beaney

***DOXOLOGY** No. 94

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 2:4b-25

ANTHEM "Sanctus"

Holy, holy Lord, the God of power and might, the earth is filled with Your glory;

Holy, holy Lord, who was and is and is to come,

We offer honor, wealth and blessing, thanks and praise, now and forevermore.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee.

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

SERMON "The Story Begins" Rev. Gary Ihfe

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "A Charge to Keep I Have" No. 413

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,

Until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word,

Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

POSTLUDE "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Arr. Lloyd Larson

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.

Dear First Church Family,

Thank you so much for your support, help, and wonderful gifts you sent and made for our precious baby boy. We appreciate you so much!!

Caroline, Isaac, and baby Story

Upcoming Events

Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall

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

Softball Schedule

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

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| 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 | | |

September 8, 2019 Prayer Requests

Publish in bulletin? Y___ N___

Requested by _____

Prayer list:

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| 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 | |

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Margaret Louise McMackin, who passed away on September 3.

There will be a meeting for Security Monitors on Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 in the Open Door Classroom. Those serving on the original group in November 2018, but are not monitors, are welcome to attend.