

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 4/18: Women's Bible Study (1:00)
- ◆ 4/19: Wednesday Night (5:45), choir practice (7:30)
- ◆ 4/22: Called Annual Conference
- ◆ 4/22: Food Pantry
- ◆ 4/23: State of the UMCinfo session (9:30), Nominations meeting (11:30)

Starting this Wednesday, April 19, the lesson for Wednesday Nights will be "The Sermon on the Mount: A Beginners Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven" by Amy-Jill Levine.

The UMW is holding a silent auction for a full-sized hand made quilt. The starting bid is \$300, and the bidding sheet is located in the parlor. Bidding will close on Sunday, May 14.

Registration for Camp in the Community is now open. Camp will be June 12-16. Visit www.1stchurchjc.org/camp to register or for more information.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of April, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, toothbrushes, & toothpaste. In addition, the food pantry can always use canned meat & canned fruit. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Steve Gross

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Alice & Terry Berkson
Erma Budd
Rhett Byrne
Family of Bruce Carson
Catherine Cartus
Marian Cocke
Ryan Cradic
Vernon Crawford
Jackie Denny
Charlotte Diehl
Paul Duncan
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Linda Edwards
Cecilia Fleckstein
Bob Gore
Jim Furches
Bob Gore
Betty & Earl Gouge
Dalton Gough
Crystal Gray
Mendy Hall
Steve & Beverly Harris
Nora & Tony Haynes
The Hrenda family
Scott Huff
Joyce Josie
Wiley Keller
Family of Mike Kellum
Deni Kiehl
Linda Kostreva
Hope Lee
Sally Lee
Bob Lentz
Luanne Love
Katie Mahoney
Family of Barbara Marrs
Wanda May
David McElveen
Jim Milliken
Family of Johnny Moore
Brenda Murphy
Steve Murray
Tom Palmer
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peebles
Carolyn Peeples
Tim Riddle
Steven Schmidt
Louise Scott
Mike Scott
Ed Searcey
JD Toth
Chloe Vanhuss
Crystal Vines
Ina Sue Watkins
Anna Grace West
Dara Wilde
Manna House
Nashville shooting victims
Tornado victims



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

First Things First

Prelude "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" Arr. Gilbert Martin

Call to Worship

Leader: Our God is a God of power and strength.

People: God has created each of us with tender care.

Leader: Our God is a God of majesty and awe.

People: God walks with us every step of the way.

Leader: Our God is a God of glory and wonder.

People: God loves each of us with tenderness and passion.

Leader: Our God knows us and calls us by name.

People: We will not fear, for God is our strength and our salvation.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #327

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Oceans" On Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

New Testament Reading Matthew 28:16-20

Anthem "Christ is Always with You"

Sermon "Making Disciples" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Celebration of Confirmation

Arianna Cook Lauren Masino

Renee Jah Ellie Nelson

Mallory Jones Sammi Uelhof

Carter Masino Mekhi Yocum

Reception of New Members

David & Gina Billings

Janet Pfeiffer

James & Barbara Walser

Hymn of Commitment "Build My Life" On Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

I will build my life upon Your love

It is a firm foundation

I will put my trust in You alone

And I will not be shaken

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Michael Kellum, who passed away on April 6.

Dear First UMC of Johnson City,

Thank you so much for all the meals and support that you have provided to our foundation. I am a senior at ETSU and Wesley has been a very welcoming community that has fostered growth in both my spiritual and personal lives. Thank you again for your generosity and faithfulness to our ministry.

Blessings,
Curtis L. Reece

If you would like to support the Wesley Foundation, consider contributing to the annual envelope fundraiser at <http://etsuwesley.com/envelope-fundraiser>

On Sunday, April 23 during the Sunday School hour, Pastor Jodie will be hosting a conversation about the state of the United Methodist Church and a recap of the called April 22 Annual Conference. Individuals and classes are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion beginning at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

Save the Date

- ⇒ Fifth Sunday Breakfast: April 30
- ⇒ Graduate recognition & potluck lunch: May 21
- ⇒ Camp in the Community: June 12-16

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: The Sermon on the Mount: A Beginners Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven

Menu: taco salad & dessert

Dinner begins at 5:45 and the worship service begins at 6:30.

Please make reservations by **Monday, 4/17 at noon** by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.