

Kids Crafternoon Fun! May 7 following worship until 2:00. Kids will meet in the fellowship hall for lunch, games, and crafts. The kids will be working with PAINT, so bring or wear appropriate clothing.

Take a minute and share some coffee in the parlor after worship on May 7. This is an easy opportunity to catch up with old friends or make new friends!

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.

Camp in the Community is FULL! And adult volunteers are needed June 12-16 from 8:30-3:00. Volunteers can sign up for whole days or half days, every day or any combination of days for the week. If you are available to help, contact Pastor Jodie or Kati Uelhof, or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

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: Finley Cook

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
 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
 Family of Bradley Kuykendall
 Stacy Larsen
 Aubrey Lee
 Hope Lee
 Bob Lentz
 Luanne Love
 Family of Barbara Marrs
 Bob & Wanda May
 David McElveen
 Jim Milliken
 Family of Johnny Moore
 Brenda Murphy
 Steve Murray
 Tom Palmer
 Ruby Payne
 Bob & Athena Peebles
 Carolyn Peebles
 Tim Riddle
 Steven Schmidt
 Louise Scott
 Ed Searcey
 JD Toth
 Chloe Vanhuss
 Anna Grace West
 Dara Wilde
 Manna House
 Nashville shooting victims



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Arr. Joel Rainey

First Things First

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

People: Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Leader: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

People: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Leader: Let us rejoice in the goodness of the Lord our God.

People: Let us worship the One who loves us and leads us in the ways of life.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Come, Thou Almighty King" #61

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Loving God, You call us to walk in Your ways, to observe Your commandments, and to love as You have loved us.

People: You offer us a community of abundant blessing, where we may grow in faith and experience abundant life.

Leader: We confess that we often set Your law aside to satisfy our own wants and desires.

People: We turn from Your ways of love and forgiveness by building walls of pride, fear, suspension, and judgment.

Leader: Forgive us when we harm our relationships with You and each other.

People: Draw us in Your warm embrace. Shower us with the waters of humility, so that we may rediscover Your purpose for our lives and find true joy in labors of love that make Your kingdom known in all the world.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in love. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God! AMEN

Old Testament Reading Psalm 119:33-40

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Build Your Kingdom Here" On Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

New Testament Reading Matthew 5:17-48

Anthem "O Master Let Me walk with Thee"

Sermon "The Law and the Prophet" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "Where Charity and Love Prevail" #549

Benediction

Benediction Response

Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of His body joined,
We are in Him made one.

We extend our sympathy to John & Michelle Cradic after the passing of Michelle's father, Bradley Kuykendall, on April 23. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, April 29, in Kingwood, Texas.

The Circle of Faith will meet Thursday, May 4 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room.

Graduation Sunday is May 21st during the morning service. Let's show our love and support for all the high school graduates! Shower them with words of encouragement by writing them a letter or giving them a card. You may email your letters to antwannocum@gmail.com or drop off in a designated box in the connector or narthex. Letters and cards are due by May 14th.

Talia Blair- Hilltopper Academy

Kendall Bumpass- Science Hill High School

Javin Chester- Science Hill High School

Mikah Dukes- Science Hill High School

Arturo Noguera- Hampton High School

Abraunya Roe- Science Hill High School

Alex Uelhof- Science Hill High School

In addition to the high school graduates, we know that other members of our church family will be graduating from colleges, universities, and other institutions. If you or someone in your family is celebrating this important milestone, we want to celebrate with you! Please contact the church office by phone (928-9222) or email office@1stchurchjc.org with the following information by May 14th:

1. Full name of graduate
2. School name
3. Degree earned
4. Future plans (optional)
5. Picture of graduate

Wednesday Night Fellowship

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

Menu: spaghetti, fruit, salad, bread, & dessert

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

Please make reservations by **Monday, 5/1 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.