

Kids Crafternoon Fun! Today 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 today. This is an easy opportunity to catch up with old friends or make new friends!

On Tuesday, May 9, there will be a Finance meeting at 6:00 and a Trustees meeting at 7:00.

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 **NEXT 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 May, 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: Kathie Tucker

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
 Pam Hagen
 Mendy Hall
 Steve & Beverly Harris
 Nora & Tony Haynes
 Family of Linda Hodge
 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
 Family of Ed Searcey
 JD Toth
 ChLoe Vanhuss
 Anna Grace West
 Dara Wilde
 Manna House
 Nashville shooting victims



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Prelude "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Arr. Fred Bock

First Things First

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, and worship the God of our salvation.

People: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Leader: Open your hearts to the warmth of God's presence and grace.

People: We long for the wonder and beauty of God's love to fill our lives.

Leader: Open your minds to the truth of God's ways.

People: We will listen for God's commands and follow where God leads.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Ye Servants of God" #181

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Loving God, we confess that we have failed to follow in Your ways, and to love as You have taught.

People: Forgive us when our choices lead us away from You and from each other.

Leader: When we are selfish,

People: forgive us and help us to share with those who suffer.

Leader: When our pride makes us feel superior,

People: forgive us, and show us that all Your children are worthy of dignity and grace.

Leader: When we think only of what is best for us,

People: forgive us, and teach us to choose what would be beneficial to our neighbors.

Leader: Fill us with Your spirit, holy God, that we may desire to seek Your truth and follow Your teachings.

People: Open our hearts to the joy of humble service, so that our words and deeds may witness to the depth of Your love and the beauty of Your kingdom.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Even when we are unfaithful, God offers us mercy. Even when we act foolishly, God still loves us and calls us. My friends, rejoice and believe the good news of the Gospel:

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

Old Testament Reading Psalm 119:41-48

Morning Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Take Time to Be Holy" #395

Mission Moment

Doxology #94

New Testament Reading Matthew 6:1-18

Anthem "Lamb of God"

Sermon "Practices of a Disciple" Rev. Gary Ihfe

Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn "Gratitude" On Screen

Hymn of Commitment "As It Is In Heaven" On Screen

Benediction

Benediction Response

Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Ev'ry heart proclaim the mercy of Your name
On earth as it is in heaven
As it is in heaven, as it is in heaven

We extend our sympathy to Perry Hodge, Janice Moore & family after the passing of Linda Hodge on May 4.

Carpenters Crew work project on Saturday, May 13. Meet at the church at 9:00 am.

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

Jacob Haun- Asbury Optional 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

After the worship service, we will have a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall to celebrate our graduates. Please bring meat, sides, or desserts to share.

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, 5/8 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.