

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 4/14: CrAfternoon, Acolyte Training
- ◆ 4/16: Men's Bible Study (7:15)  
Women's Bible Study (1:00)  
Church Council (6:00)
- ◆ 4/17: Wednesday Nighter (5:30)
- ◆ 5/5: Lemonade on the Lawn, UMW Craft/Bake Sale
- ◆ 5/15: final Wednesday Nighter for the season
- ◆ 5/19: Graduate Recognition & Potluck

**Kids Crafternoon Fun!** Right after worship today, children and their families are invited to the fellowship hall for lunch and to build birdhouses. There will also be training for beadles, acolytes and crossbearers during the CrAfternoon event.

First Church will host Camp in the Community the week of July 1-5. Camp is open to rising kindergarten-8th grade. Registration is now open at [www.campinthecommunity.org/host/johnsoncity](http://www.campinthecommunity.org/host/johnsoncity)

### 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 peanut butter, cereal, toothpaste, & diapers (size 4 & 5). Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Johnny Qualls

### Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams  
Laurie Blayney  
Paul Bowman & family  
Bob & Carla Brown  
Catherine Cartus  
Karl Cavanary  
Vernon Crawford  
Thomas & Elizabeth Crowder  
Eddie Deakins  
Jackie Denny  
Paul Duncan  
Phyllis Eckerson  
Vivian Eckerson  
Tom Eorgan  
Clint Ferguson  
Cecilia Fleckstein  
The Foster Family  
Jim Furches  
Betty & Earl Gouge  
Casey Hamrick  
Nora & Tony Haynes  
Sam & Jin Hopson  
Family of Anakin Hoyle  
Scott Huff  
Keith & Jean Jones  
Joyce Josie  
Deni Kiehl  
Tammy Kosa  
Linda Kostreva  
Karen Martin  
Bob & Wanda May  
Kent & Midge Merrill  
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken  
Tom Palmer  
Ruby Payne  
Bob & Athena Peebles  
Carolyn Peeples  
Bobby Seay  
John Staley  
Mike Terry  
J.D. Toth  
John & Susan Trotter  
Steve Uelhof  
Anna Grace West  
Sarah Wilhoit  
Manna House



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

**Prelude** "Lord of the Dance" Arr. Joel Raney

**First Things First**

**Call to worship**

Leader: God calls us from ways of darkness to ways of light.

**People:** God sets us free from the ways of the world and offers us joy and peace.

Leader: God calls us to new ways of living.

**People:** God sets us free from our selfish desires and offers us abundant life.

Leader: God calls us to lives of gracious service.

**People:** We will listen for God's summons, and follow Christ into the world.

**Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** "Your Love Awakens Me" Screen

**Affirmation of Faith**      The Modern Affirmation      #885

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith we now declare:

All:

We believe in God the Father,  
Infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all His works,  
And whose will is ever directed to His children's good.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
The gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
The ground of our hope,  
And the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
As the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
Of the truth of Christ,  
And find strength and help in time of need.  
We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
In the service of love  
As set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
To the end that the kingdom of God  
May come upon the earth. Amen

Old Testament Reading      Exodus 3:1-12, 4:10-13

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection      "The Summons"      Screen

Mission Moment

Doxology      #94

Gospel Reading      Luke 5:1-11

Anthem      "Come, Follow Me"

Sermon      "Call of the Fishermen"      Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment      "Jesus Calls Us"      #398

Benediction

### Benediction Response

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Savior may we hear thy call,  
Give our hearts to thine obedience,  
Serve and love thee best of all.

Please join us in the parlor after church today, April 14th, to celebrate Judy Cook's 80th birthday. We will have light refreshments until 2:00. Only your presence is requested.

The UMW would like to thank the Circle of Friends for the fun-filled Spring Brunch. Finley Cook provided the delicious food and we all enjoyed games and prizes.

The UMW will hold a craft and bake sale on Sunday, May 5 in the parlor following worship. There will also be a vintage/gently used purse sale (by donation). Some purses may contain surprises! Please begin now preparing items for the sale.

Do you have someone in your family graduating from high school, college, or other degree programs? Please let us know by sending the name, school, degree, future plans, and picture of the graduate to [office@1stchurchjc.org](mailto:office@1stchurchjc.org)

### wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: Methodism 101

Menu: ham, broccoli, potatoes, salad, bread, dessert

Dinner begins at 5:30 and classes begin at 6:30.

Please make reservations by **Monday, 4/15 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.*