

THE CHIMES



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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

first thing Christ does is come looking for us. We may be able to lock ourselves away from all manner of things and circumstances, but there is no way to secure ourselves against the coming of Christ. And that's worth thinkin' about.

Mercy,
 Doug

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST CHURCH!

Wednesday, April 24

1:00 pm	Rhema Bible Study	Conference Room
2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Church Library
5:15 pm	WNT Meal	Fellowship Hall
5:40 pm	Children's Gym Play Time	Gym
6:15 pm	Classes	Various Rooms
7:00 pm	Renovation Team Meeting	Conference Room

Thursday, April 25

9:00 am	Bible Study Fellowship	Various Rooms
9:30 am	District Clergy Meeting	Trenton First UMC
2:00 pm	Glo-Run Set-Up	Various Rooms
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Basement Chapel

Friday, April 26

6:00 am	Promise Keepers	Conference Room
6:00 pm	Glo-Run Registration	Conference Room

Saturday, April 27

Nothing Scheduled at this time

Sunday, April 28

8:30 am	Prayer for 8:45 Service	Mercy Seat Prayer Rm
8:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Sanctuary Choir Practice	Chapel Choir Room
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages	Various Rooms
10:35 am	Prayer for 10:50 Service	Mercy Seat Prayer Rm.
10:50 am	Worship	Sanctuary

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2:00 pm	McKinnis Birthday Party	Gym
6:00 pm	Middle School Youth Fellowship	Gym

Monday, April 29

6:00 pm	Elementary Girls Basketball Practice	Gym
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Basement

Tuesday, April 30

7:00 am	Prayer for the Children	Sanctuary
9:00 am	ESL Classes	Educational Building
10:15 am	Sing-Along	Magnolia Place
12:00 N	FUMC Foundation Luncheon	Conference Room
6:00 pm	Elementary Boys Basketball	Gym
8:15 pm	AAU Basketball	Gym

Wednesday, May 1

1:00 pm	Rhema Bible Study	Conference Room
1:30 pm	Women's Bible Study	Church Library
5:15 pm	WNT Meal	Fellowship Hall
5:40 pm	Children's Gym Play Time	Gym
6:15 pm	Classes	Various Rooms

Thursday, May 2

9:00 am	Bible Study Fellowship	Various Rooms
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Friday, May 3

6:00 am	Men's Promise Keepers	Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm	Boys/Girls Ages 8-10 Basketball	Gym

Saturday, May 4

Nothing Scheduled at this time

Sunday, May 5

8:30 am	Prayer for 8:45 Service	Mercy Seat Prayer Rm
8:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Sanctuary Choir Practice	Chapel Choir Room
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages	Various Rooms
10:35 am	Prayer for 10:50 Service	Mercy Seat Prayer Rm.
10:50 am	Worship	Sanctuary

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6:00 pm	Middle School Youth Fellowship	Gym
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Monday, May 6

6:00 pm	Elementary Girls Basketball Practice	Gym
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Basement

Tuesday, May 7

7:00 am	Prayer for the Children	Sanctuary
9:00 am	ESL Classes	Educational Building
10:15 am	Sing-Along	The Waters
12:00 N	FUMC Foundation Luncheon	Conference Room
6:00 pm	Elementary Boys Basketball	Gym
8:15 pm	AAU Basketball	Gym

If you would like to schedule an event or meeting please give Sally George, Administrative Assistant a call at 885.3573 to place it on the church calendar!

Just Thinkin' About...

Overcoming Fear with Peace

Scripture records that shortly after the resurrection the disciples were nowhere to be found. They were afraid, having allowed their fear to drive them into hiding. They didn't understand Jesus' resurrection, or how others, Jewish leaders as well as their friends and family might react to them knowing they were his followers. Worried about how they would be treated, they sought protection behind a locked door. While huddled there, the risen Christ appeared to them and said, "Peace be with you." Jesus recognized the fear in these his closest of followers and responded to it with a word of peace.

Bishop Will Willimon reminds us that it's quite natural when you have suffered some trauma in life, when you have been violated by some injustice in life, to lock yourself away. Life can be brutal.

However, the danger in locking ourselves away from the world and others, is we run the risk of locking ourselves away from the very people who can help us most. Sometimes, like the disciples, the one we lock out is Jesus. I don't think it's intentional. We don't realize we're locking Jesus out when we stay away from church, or when we avoid signing up for that Bible Study, or when we find other things to do than pray. But we do.

We don't realize we're locking Jesus out when we keep our faith safely tucked away within ourselves, or when our religion becomes something we practice only in the safe confines behind the closed doors of the church, rather than out in the world where we work and spend so much of our lives. But we do.

What we need here is not chastisement, that presses us to unlock the door of our heart and let Jesus into our lives. Instead, what we need here to be reminded of the good news of the gospel and the promise that the risen Christ will not be deterred by any locks you or I put on our hearts or doors. The resurrection story reminds us that even in our fear, our betrayal and lostness, the



Toward the Cure for Cystic Fibrosis

Friday, April 26, 2019
Walk/Run Begins @ FUMC 8:00 pm
Registration 6:30 pm

REGISTRATION FEE
\$25 on race day April 26
Check Payable to CF Friends for Cure
All Proceeds Go To
The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
For more information contact
Laney Rogers
(731) 796-0971

Something New Has Arrived!

Located just inside the ramp entrance we now have a
Guest Services Center!

On Sunday morning our guests will be directed to the Guest Service Center to learn more about our fantastic church, pick up informational brochures, other resources, and sign up for specific ministries. The center will be staffed before the late service (9:30-10:50) and after the service (11:50-12:10). If meeting new people and helping others find their way here at First Church, is something that appeals to you, give Dr. Doug a call at the church at 885-3573 or on his cell at 615-428-9374.

You Are VERY Welcome Here!

I will be faithful and support the work of Christ at First United Methodist Church through the giving of ...

MY PRAYERS

Those Requesting The Prayers Of God's People...

Ada Reed Rogers	Mae Workman (<i>Don and Gale Bevis' granddaughter, Tim and Selle Shanks's niece</i>)
Anna Oliver	Martha Carol Nichols
Bart White	Megan Hightower (<i>Cindy Kuberski's granddaughter, Mission trip to Peru</i>)
Barbara Williams (<i>Lenora Stephenson's sister</i>)	Millie Brown
Bill Latimer	Mike Prince
Billie Jean Miller	(<i>Becky Baldrige Prince's husband</i>)
Bud Fisher	Nanci Daniels
Carol Ullrich	Nancy Baldrige
Deborah Jolley Johnson	Nancy Richards
Doug Heaslet (<i>Michelle Creswell's brother</i>)	Patsy Coates (<i>Carolyn Crouch's sister-in-law</i>)
Edie Tanner	Patricia Cooper (<i>Terry Caudle's sister</i>)
Grant Everage	Ramona Hauhe (<i>Amy Hauhe's mother-in-law, Stacy Hauhe's mother</i>)
Hailey Jackson	Rob Joyner (<i>upcoming surgery</i>)
Hunter Corley	Sue Archer
Hunter Winstead	Susan Parr
(<i>Pat Capps' grandson</i>)	Suzy Freeman
James Hudson	Whit Buter
(<i>Janet Calfee's father</i>)	
Jeremy Crenshaw	
Jerry McLeary	
(<i>Ruby McLeary's son</i>)	
Jerry and Betty Wiggins	
Jim Kizer	
Larrabee Kirkland	

Those Hospitalized, at Home, or in Rehab/Nursing Facilities

Hospital: No one at time of printing
Home: Bud Fisher, Larry Buckles, Martha Carole Nichols, Sally George, Chris Norton, Michele Barnes, Martha Lynn Kendall, Nancy Richards, Rick Smith, Bill Latimer-Houston
Gadsden Health & Rehab, Gadsden, AL: Ina Davis
OC Nursing Home: Janice Diane Stephens
Magnolia Place: Peggy Burnett
The Etheridge House: Charlene Fowler, Katherine Wright, Mott Harris
UC Manor: Hal Jernigan, Jerry Miller, Jimmy Whitby, Joyce Overall, Lynda Butler, Margie Revell

Those Who Grieve

Family and Friends in the death of Barbara Marcon

Our Military

Capt. Ian Garrigan, MD – Tacoma, Washington
 Capt. William Benjamin Barkley – California
 Lt. Commander Douglas Norton – Virginia
 Lt. McLean Panter – Bahrain
 Lt. Colonel Bart Doyle – Florida
 Maj. Marc Wuerdeman, MD – Georgia

PRAYER PAGER: Larrabee Kirkland – Please pray, then dial 731 880-4272, wait for the prompt and enter 222-2222. The pager will “beep” indicating someone is praying for her.

MY PRESENCE

April 7
 Sunday School: 117
 8:45 Worship: 40
 10:50 Worship: 172
 Total Worship: 212

April 14 (Palm Sunday)
 Sunday School: 142
 8:45 Worship: 39
 10:50 Worship: 167
 Total Worship: 206

April 21 (Easter Sunday)
 No Sunday School: N/A
 10:50 Worship: 310
 Total Worship: 310

April 28 (report next issue)
 Sunday School: Not Available
 8:45 Worship: Not Available
 10:50 Worship: Not Available
 Total Worship: Not Available

Average Sunday School attendance thru April 21: 129

Average Worship attendance thru April 21: 243

MY SERVICE

Acolytes for the weeks of:

4/28 Beck Tanner
 5/05 Reagan Everage
 5/12 Bertie Jenkins
 5/19 Brandt Huffstutter
 5/26 Woodrow McKinnis

MY WITNESS – One For Each Day!

- o Give up your seat on a plane so other travelers can sit together.
- o Give an unexpected compliment.
- o Stop to assist someone who looks lost.
- o Slow down so someone can merge in front of you in traffic.
- o Donate flowers to a nursing home.
- o Tell your boss one thing you love about him/her.
- o Make amends with someone you have wronged.

THANK YOU!

Dear FUMC family,
 I have been blessed to absorb your support while recovering from this vision challenge. Your prayers, visits, texts, food, cards, calls, prayer shawl, and encouragement have proven your Christian discipleship. Thank you for allowing me to be the recipient of your Christlike servant efforts.
 Sincerely,
 Glenda Cozart

MY GIFTS

April 7
 Pledged Giving \$ 7,600.00
 Non-Pledged \$ 2,864.00
 Designated Funds \$ 862.00
 Total Giving \$11,326.00

April 14 (Palm Sunday)
 Pledged Giving \$ 8,060.00
 Non-Pledged \$ 7,028.00
 Designated Funds \$ 735.00
 Total Giving \$15,823.00

April 21 (Easter Sunday)
 Pledged Giving \$ 5,970.00
 Non-Pledged \$ 8,378.00
 Designated Funds \$ 1,645.00
 Hunger Offering \$ 278.95
 Total Giving \$16,271.95

April 28 (report next issue)
 Pledged Giving \$
 Non-Pledged \$
 Designated Funds \$
 Total Giving \$

Total Giving thru April 21 for Operating Expenses \$39,899.05

Praise God from Whom ALL Blessing Flow!

Due to Sally's recent surgery, hospitalization, and recovery the last few weeks, the Memorials will be printed in the next Chimes.

Thank you for your understanding

WNT Winds Down for the Summer!

Wednesday Night Together

**Real Food! Real Fellowship!
 Real Faith! Come Getcha Some!**



Schedule

5:15-6:10 Dinner around the table!
 5:40-6:00 Children's Gym Play Time w/adult supervision
 6:15-7:00 Program options for all ages
 6:15-7:00 Knit Wits

REMAINING Menus

April 24
 Baked Ham, Potato Salad, Slaw, Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Dessert

May 1
 Cheeseburgers, French Fries, slaw, salad bar, birthday cake

May 8
 Chicken tenders, lima beans, potato salad, salad bar, rolls, fruit pizza

May 15
 Brauts, hot-dogs, seven-layer salad, chips, cookies

**Adults - \$5.00 Children (7-under) \$2.50
 Maximum Family no more than \$20.00**

KNIT WITS!

This remarkable group of ladies meet in the Conference Room at 6:00 pm and are busy making prayer shawls, and other items.



Bob Nichols heads up our homebound communion team. He's looking for folks to assist him once a month. Please consider strongly the giving of just an hour of your time for these who have given so much! If willing, please be in touch with Bob Nichols at 731-446-9413.



731-446-7769 or children@fumcuc.org
 Morgan Laster, Director of Children's Ministries



ARE YOU READY FOR DAYSHORE? June 24-28 K-grade 5

Dayshore forms for the summer event (June 24-28) are available in the church office or from Morgan Laster! These need to be returned no later than June 1. Please contact Morgan with any questions or concerns

REMINDER! Sign In/Sign Out Your Children!



FIRST FRIENDS GRADUATION LUAU

**Tuesday, May 21st @ 6:30
 In Sanctuary
 Reception Following Graduation in the Fellowship Hall**

The Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, May 1** at 11 am in the Church library for a finger food lunch and discussion of our book, *Hallie's Heart* by Shelly Beach.





We will be recognizing our High School Seniors on Sunday May 19 at the 10:50 service. They are...

- Trenton Brown from Obion County Central
- Gussie Parks from Union City High
- Claire Tanner from Union City High
- Walker Ross from Union City High
- Brad Schlager from Union City High
- John Wade from McCallie School (Chattanooga, TN)

Come and give these deserving seniors a hug and a "Well done".

The annual Senior Display will be in the entrance of the breezeway.



Remember...

Middle High Youth – Sunday's at 9:30 am & 6:00 pm
For more information regarding opportunities for youth be in touch with Cody and Ashley Martin at 731-446-3984



United Methodist Women
Annual Spring
Fundraiser Luncheon

The event will be held at 12:00 NOON on Sunday, April 28, in the Fellowship Hall. The Menu is: Pork Tenderloin, Seasoned Green Beans, Mashed Potato Casserole, Congealed Salads, Rolls, and Home-made Desserts. This is the primary fundraiser for our United Methodist Women with proceeds supporting: Shiloh Baptist Church Feeding Ministry, Helping Hands, Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Local Outreach, Grace Place, The Bridge, and IJM/International Justice Ministry. A baked goods auction will follow the luncheon. Please join us for this opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship while supporting both local and global UMW Missions with your donations.

Soul Food Café

The New Covenant Class is heading up this ministry
On June 20 @ The Refuge Church
5:00pm – 7:00pm
If you would like to offer your help
be in touch with
Martha Townes at 731-446-2983

Serving Christ by Serving Others

AT THE TRUSTEES MEETING ON 4/11/19

the following items were addressed with Trustees present: Judi Pitts, Jimmy Counce, Al Childrey, Jimmy Gray, Mack Ashburn, Randy Chapman, Amy Montgomery, Chris Norton and Selle Shanks. Absent: Bill Townes and Josh McGinnis

- **To increase safety** both at First Friends and Parents Day Out the following was approved:
 - magnetic door key entrance (fire marshal approved) from dining room area to day care.
 - magnetic door key on door between First Friends office and hallway to Education building total cost requested \$3,335.00
- **Keeping with the topic of safety**, *First Response* was chosen to install 7-8 cameras along with monitors throughout our facility. The monitors will have the ability to be viewed on phones. Total cost is \$7856.00.
- **With concerns of safety and children being closer to parents** Trustees received a request from Morgan Laster and Sherilyn Brown that proposed moving the Sunday morning nursery to the Sanctuary building. After discussion, it was proposed that we first check with fire marshal to make sure that would work before making any decisions. Selle said she would ask Morgan to do that.
- **Parsonage items addressed were:**
 - Mulching flowerbeds. Josh McKinnis contacted to get an estimate on the cost. Once received, Trustees will discuss again.
 - Front entrance brick sidewalk. Jimmy Gray added that sidewalk needs repair at some time.
- **Maintenance requests:** reviewed completed repairs and expressed their pleasure with maintenance man Nathan Lily. Additional requests were made for:
 - Paint for various items
 - Monty Byars to redo seal on church front doors (cost not known yet and
 - Paint for railing approximately. \$200.
- **The need for an AED** machine was discussed. Cost estimate will be explored.
- **Roof leaks were mentioned.** Chris Norton will get estimates., some small repairs have already been made.
- **Authorization given to Chair, Selle Shanks** to sign-off on a stock exchange of transferring money to church. Motion made and seconded to do so
- **Old Business:**
 - Received estimate for different locks on 3 sanctuary doors at cost of \$450 per door or \$1350.
 - Jimmy Flood is working with Custodian Rhonda Merritt regarding upkeep of the gym floor, making recommendations regarding best products to use.

The meeting adjourned with a few costs estimates not addressed until funding is secured.