

Welcome In the Name and Love of Jesus Christ

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ. We are thankful for your presence and we invite you to worship, learn, and serve with us. We invite you to join us in fulfilling the mission of the United Methodist Church which is "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World."

We pray you will find the blessing of fellowship among us. If you are visiting, please know that no one is really a visitor. This is God's house and all are welcome. Since we all have needs, during the closing hymn, the altar is open for you to pray, give thanks, dedicate or re-dedicate your life.

Worship Resources: A Nursery is provided during our service. We invite you to use this facility for infants and toddlers. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. In the pews, you will find Prayer Cards that you are invited to use to share specific prayer concerns. Please place the card either in the offering plate or in the prayer boxes located in each entryway.

Order of Worship

Come in, chat, and take a moment to sign the blue hospitality pad and pass it to your neighbor. But when the music begins – prepare for worship in a spirit of prayer and expectation! As we begin worship, please silence and put away all cell phones and beepers! *Indicates people stand as they are able

Gathering Music		
Welcome and Announcements		Minister
*The Call to Worship #400 vs. 1	<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	Robinson
*The Invocation		Minister
*A Hymn #170	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	Whitfield
*A Responsive Reading #854	<i>Psalms 139</i>	
*Gloria Patri #70	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost</i>	Meineke
	<i>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.</i>	
*The Time of Friendship and Welcoming		Everyone
The Time with the Children		Minister
The Time of Sharing Our Joys and Concerns		Minister
The Prayer Chorus #488	<i>Jesus, Remember Me</i>	Luke 23:42
The Time of Prayer		
Morning Prayer		Minister
Lord's Prayer -	<i>Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</i>	
The Anthem - Chancel Choir	<i>Grace Greater Than Our Sin</i>	Stan Pethel
The Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings		Minister
The Offertory	<i>Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross</i>	Doane
*The Doxology #95	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
*A Hymn #378	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Newton
The Scripture Readings	<i>Psalms 8, Luke 8:40-56, John 3:16</i>	Minister
The Scripture Response #191	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	Warner
The Sermon	<i>Where in the World is God? –Where Am I in God's World?</i>	Minister
The Hymn of Invitation #359	<i>Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed</i>	Watts/Hudson
*The Benediction		Minister
*The Benediction Response #671	<i>Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing</i>	Fawcett
*The Postlude		

Assisting with Today's Service

Pianist.....	Gielda Reese	Organist.....	Charlotte Newman
Chancel Choir Director.....	Dr. Nathan Windt	Nursery Attendants.....	Elaine and Cortney Davidson
Acolytes.....	Morgan Hutchison and Emma Rikard		

Church Calendar

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School	6:30 PM Monday: Boundaries Class
11:00 AM Sunday: Morning Worship	5:45 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministries
4:30 PM Sunday: Youth	6:30 PM Wednesday: Body & Soul
5:00 PM Sunday: Acts Bible Study	6:30 PM Thursday: Church Bowling League
6:00 PM Sunday: Church Wide Birthday Party	8:00 PM Friday: Youth Lock-in

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday School	76	Church Budget	\$ 5,301.82
Morning Worship	180	Parsonage Fund	\$ 505.04
		Sunday School O/Reach	\$ 311.00
		UMCOR-Chile	\$ 20.00
		Sudan – Well	\$ 375.00
		Youth Fund	\$ 50.00
		Choir Fund	\$ 25.00
		Bus Maintenance	\$ 25.00
		Cookbook	\$ 15.00

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The flowers today are given by Bruce and Carolyn Delmas in honor of the United Methodist Women.

Sympathy: The church acknowledges its own loss and extends its love, prayers and sympathy to the family of James Guffey who passed away this week. We pray for God's comfort to Marjorie, Carol, Jimmy, David and their families during this difficult time.

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Church Wide Birthday Party: Join us tonight at 6:00 as we will celebrate our annual Church-wide birthday party. This is a time of fun, food and fellowship for everyone in our church family, and we invite you to come and be a part of this event as we celebrate everyone's birthday. You don't have to tell the year! But if you can bring a dessert it would be appreciated. We will have a meal of Hotdogs, chili and all the fixings.

Body & Soul: We hope you will join us on Wednesday night at 6:30 PM for Body & Soul. The Men's Group will be our hosts and they will be cooking "Breakfast for Supper." Since it will be St. Patrick's Day, we will encourage everyone to be "wearing the green" and our program will be about St. Patrick's Day. Make your reservations by filling out the reservation form on the bottom of today's insert or by calling the church office by Tuesday.

Chocolate Eggs For Sale: Our Relay for Life team has begun selling those famous Chocolate covered-peanut butter filled eggs. Orders can now be taken and sales sheets are available in the church office. The absolute deadline for orders is March 21st. Production is about to get underway. If you would like to help make eggs, please see Joyce Grubb. We will have day and night sessions. We are again buying the ingredients in bulk and can also use monetary donations to help with the cost.

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon: The Youth would like to thank everyone who stayed for the Soup and Sandwich luncheon last Sunday. They appreciate your support.

Easter Egg Hunt: There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th at 4:00 PM at the Parsonage. We are in need of wrapped Easter candy. Please have the candy here at the church by Wednesday, March 24th. Please put in tubs at each entrance. Thanks for your support.

Summer Camp: The 2010 Holston Conference Camping Brochures are now available in the side vestibule. The church offers scholarships for everyone who goes. See Pam Monteen for more information. The deadline for Early Bird prices is April 1.

Something For Everyone: On April 20-22 we have planned a trip to Alabama and Mississippi. Inserts for full details on this trip are available in the side vestibule. Pick up your copy and make plans now to join us. Please let Charlotte or Kathy know by Sunday April 4th if you are going on this trip. Looking ahead: On Saturday, May 22nd, we will travel to Gatlinburg, TN to visit the new Christ in the Smokies Museum. This is in the location of the old Christus Gardens. It has been completely redone. The 11 scenes begin with Jesus' birth in a Bethlehem manger and end with His ascension to Heaven. The Last Supper is a wax figure replica of Lenoardo da Vinci's famous painting. We will have lunch at Mama's Farmhouse in Pigeon Forge. We will also stop at the Bass Pro Shop for you to shop. The cost will be \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children if we have at least 20 who want to go. Please let Charlotte or Kathy know by Sunday, April 4th, if you are interested in this trip.

Lenten Offering: Lent began on February 17th and continues through Easter. We once again encourage you to participate in our annual Dime a Meal for Lent program. Typically, you are asked to contribute a dime a meal for each adult and youth and a penny a meal for each child throughout the Lenten season for an offering on Easter Sunday. The total for each adult and youth would be \$12 and for children \$1.20. At first we reported that we had designated the offering this year to go to the Holston Conference's ministry in Sudan. Specifically, the conference is raising money to provide wells for the areas in Southern Sudan. However we noted that the cost of a well is extremely high (\$10,000) and it will take time to raise enough to provide wells. We had learned that water filter kits could be used in the meantime and our goal was to provide 17 water kits (one for each church area in Southern Sudan) at a cost of \$75 each. Each area already has a filter and more would help. However, some of our members felt we could do more. They felt we could provide a well. That may seem like a huge challenge. But we believe that we can meet this challenge so we are going for a well. If 134 people put aside \$12.50 a week for six weeks (instead of the traditional \$12.50 for the whole Lenten period) we would have enough to pay for a well. In other words if 134 people gave \$75.00 each that would be \$10,050.00. There is the well. You can either do the dime a meal as you have done in the past, or make a special donation. Any donations will help. Feel free to give more than \$75.00. Think about how we take our clean water supply for granted. Here is a way we can experience sacrificial giving and help others. Please prayerfully consider how you want to share in this special project and give generously. Designate your gift for Sudan well. Thank You!

VBS: Our Vacation Bible School High Seas Expedition Kick Off will be April 25th from 5:00 to 7:00. More information to come.

Girl Scout Cookies: Our Brownie Troop still has some cookies to sell. Also, when the sale deadline is over, they are going to send any leftover cookies to the troops. You can help in this project by donating money for the shipping. See Faith Levy to purchase cookies or for more information.

Yard Sale: As you start your spring cleaning, and find gently used items you would like to discard, remember the Youth Yard sale in June. All items can be brought to the Church storage building, but please check with the church office so we can direct you where to put your goods.

Jubilation: The 2010 Jubilation will be held on April 11 - 13 at the Meadow View Resort in Kingsport. Jubilation is the annual Conference Older Adult event. Six different workshops will be offered this year with many special leaders, including Don Dare and Charles Maynard. Keynote speaker will be Bishop James Swanson, Bible Study teacher, Bishop Richard Looney and Worship leader, Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor. Registration fees include two nights accommodations, an ice cream social on Sunday evening, all meals beginning with dinner on Sunday to breakfast Tuesday, snacks, participation in all sessions and the chosen workshops. Scholarships are available. Please see the pastor for this assistance. Brochures are available in the side vestibule or for more information visit: www.jubilation.holston.org.



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4th Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2010

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Pastor: Rev. Jeff W. Wright*

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