

First Things

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February Special Offering: Camp in the Community

Camp in the Community (CITC) is a ministry of Holston Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries. It is a week-long day camp program for children in poverty. The camp operates in partnership with a host church located in an impoverished community, alongside a sponsor church in the Holston Conference. They provide a high-quality summer camp experience to those who could not otherwise afford to attend summer camp. This is for the purpose of sharing the gospel in a tangible way and developing lasting relationships between the community and the church. In addition to reaching children in poverty, the program works with area youth to develop them as leaders in the church. Youth are provided leadership and childcare training and serve as assistant counselors. This ministry recently suffered a major setback at the end of last year when all of their mobile resources, equipment, games, and travel trailers were stolen. We hope you will support this wonderful and vital outreach ministry of the Holston Conference during the month of February.

Worship for February 2

8:45 & 11 am Traditional Service

Sermon: "A Fool's Joy"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Rev. Chris Black, associate pastor

11 am Contemporary Service

Sermon: "From the Inside Out"

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 2:22-40

Rev. Mark Flynn, lead pastor

First Steps is Hiring!

First Steps Child Development Center is in dire need of teachers. If you or someone you know might be interested, please email the Director, Elizabeth Bonner, at ebonner@fumcor.org.

Evergreen Movie, Feb. 3

Come join us on February 3 at 2:30 pm in room 207 for "Groundhog Day" starring Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell. TV weatherman, Phil Connors, is sent to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania to cover the annual Groundhog Day festivities. Things definitely don't turn out like he expected. After the movie, the group will choose a restaurant for dinner. If you have questions, please call Nancy Delene, 483-0740.

Things Happening This Sunday, February 2, 2020

• Scout Sunday Observance

On Sunday, we will honor the 100th anniversary of the partnership between the Methodist Church, Boy Scouts of America, and Girl Scouts of the USA. We will celebrate the occasion with the presentation of the Cross and Flame award to both Jackie Shipwash and Rachel Oxendine for their outstanding record of service to children and youth. We will also present the United Methodist Youth Good Samaritan award to Corrine Bailey, Jake Cheney, and Claire Gibson. Every one who is active in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts is encouraged to wear his/her uniform to a worship service Sunday.

• New Young Families Sunday School Class

Sunday morning at 9:50, a new class will begin in room 305. This class will be geared specifically for families or individuals with younger children and will be taught by Rev. Chris and Julie Black. The group will focus on studying scripture together, fellowshiping inside and outside of church, and supporting one another on our journey of being disciples and parents. If you are interested in this class or have questions about it, please don't hesitate to call Chris in the church office or email him at cblack@fumcor.org. (There are also classes/nursery for children while the parents are in any class!)

• Souper Bowl of Caring

This Sunday our youth group will continue its annual tradition of collecting donations on the day of the Super Bowl. The "Souper Bowl of Caring" was founded with a goal of tackling hunger while harnessing the energy of game day. Look for our youth in the hallways between services. They will be holding large soup pots! All donations will go to Tabitha's Table and our own Community Meal. We raised \$1,257 last year! Let's keep it going this Sunday!

• Youth Video Game Pajama Super Bowl Party

On Sunday in the youth loft, there will be a Video Game Pajama Super Bowl Party, or VGPSBP for short (try and pronounce that!) It is almost exactly what it sounds like. Youth are invited to bring their favorite (church-appropriate) video games and consoles to the Loft after church, as well as their pajamas. There will be snacks, lounging about, and gaming. We will watch the football game when it starts. All said, it will be a fun and lazy day! Youth grades 7-12 invited.

February Homebound Members' Birthdays!

The following people are homebound members of our congregation who have a birthday this month. Please, take a moment and send each one of these people a card. You can get their addresses by either looking in the directory or contacting the church office (483-4357, dgallaher@fumcor.org). Thank you for this expression of care and concern!

- Jonell Schmitt, Feb. 4
- Mattie Galyon, Feb. 5
- Bob Walker, Feb. 7
- Mary Ann Manning, Feb. 11
- Rita Speas, Feb. 11
- Helen Catron, Feb. 15
- Seth Wheatley, Feb. 15
- Eugene Grassel, Feb. 19
- Karen Sampsell, Feb. 26
- Elizabeth Longendorfer, Feb. 28

Creator in Our Midst

We are excited to celebrate the beautiful art that we have been enjoying outside our worship spaces during our January Sermon Series, *Caring for God's Creation*. Our artist in residence for this series was our very own Karah Tull, who offered her creations around the theme of God's creation and our role in its care. We are thankful for her contributions to our worship these last few weeks!

Pastors

Mark Flynn, lead pastor
Chris Black, associate pastor
Jenny Caughman, spiritual care

Contact Information

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Attention XYZ Members and Committee!

Feb. 12th will be our 3rd Birthday and Valentine's Celebration. We will repeat the Champagne Chicken menu with string beans, corn pudding, raspberry jello salad, rolls, beverages and strawberry cake for dessert. Reggie Law, Artistic Director for Oak Ridge Playhouse, will do our program. He serves as Director of Playhouse and Junior Playhouse Productions and is celebrating his 20th year in Oak Ridge. He was a theatre student at University of Tennessee before going on a 30+ year career with various theatre and opera companies around the nation and Dollywood Theme Park. He is also a photography enthusiast. **Please remember the "Challenge"** from our Jan. gathering to invite a friend for this event. Reservations to Ann or the church office must be in by Friday, Feb. 7th, in order to prepare for the meal. The last few months we had to draw on our grant funds for no-shows and people who have been ill. Please let us know if you cannot come, even after you have made a reservation. This will be appreciated. Remember, the church is closed on Friday! For further information, please contact Ann Munz, 865-661-0700/cell phone.



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Our Prayers:

Discharged: Susan Saunders,
Liz Batchelor

Our Gifts

Offering this Week	\$21,844
2020 Year to Date	\$140,177
2019 Year to Date	\$121,110
Mission Special Offering	\$1,330

Valentines for Our Homebound Members

Our youth and UMW unit are teaming up to bring some love to our homebound members. You can support them, or even join them, on Sunday, February 2 at 2:00 pm in making "valentine bags" that will be delivered to our members who are no longer able to attend church regularly. The bags will be filled with personal items such as lip balm, small bottles of body lotion, soap, Kleenex packs, and of course some candy! If you are willing to donate these items, please bring your gifts to the church office on or before February 2. If you want to join the team at 2:00pm you are most welcome to do so. Our "neighbors-to-neighbors" group will deliver bags on or before Valentine's Day.

Thursday Lunch Crew Needs Help

Could you be free one Thursday every month from 9:30-1:30 pm to feed some high schoolers lunch? If the answer is "yes," consider joining one of our Thursday Lunch volunteer teams! Each Thursday when school is in session, FUMC provides a ministry of meals for ORHS students with off-campus lunch. This lunch provides a more affordable option for students who want to venture out for lunch, and it draws 80-100 students each week! Our lunch ministry consists of four teams that prepare a rotating menu of meals on Thursdays, and each team needs at least 4 members to function comfortably. If this is something you are free to do, and you'd like to join a team and help out with our youth ministry at FUMC, then please contact Kayla Carico at kcarico@fumcor.org.

Schedule for February 1 - February 8, 2019

Saturday, February 1

No activities scheduled

Sunday, February 2

8:45 Traditional Service, Sanc.
10:00 Sunday School
10:15 Abiding Worship, Chapel
11:00 Traditional Service, Sanc.
11:00 Contemporary Serv, MPR
12:00 Youth Party, Loft
2:00 UMW/Youth Vday Wrk, FH

Monday, February 3

11:00 ROMEO's, 202
2:30 Evergreen Movie, 207
5:00 Grief Support Grp, 203

6:15 Threshold Choir, 106

6:30 Pack Meeting, MPR

Tuesday, February 4

8:15 Weekly Communion, Chpl
9:00 Staff Mtg, 207
9:30 Christian Homemaking, FH
12:00 Centering Prayer, Chpl
6:00 Connecting w/God, 203
6:30 Social Concerns, 205
6:30 Staff Parish, 202
6:30 Ballroom Dancing, MPR

Wednesday, February 5

9:00 Small Group, 202
9:30 SET, 204

10:00 Philosophers, 203

10:00 Creative Directions, 205

10:30 First Things Folders, 207

1:00 Connecting w/God, 203

3:30 Sisters in Spirit, 202

5:15 iStudy Torah, FH

5:30 Handbell Rehearsal, Sanc.

6:15 Wonderful Wednesdays

6:15 Youth Choir, 106

6:00 Chrismon Class, 204

6:15 Nonviolence Study, 207

6:15 iStudy Torah, FH

7:00 Youth Group, Loft

7:00 Adult Choir, 106

Thursday, February 6

11:20 Thursday Lunch, MPR

10:00 iStudy Old Testament, FH

6:15 Basketball, MPR

6:30 Girl Scouts, 205

Friday, February 7

8:00 Women's Small Grp, 202

Saturday, February 8

No activities scheduled

Keystone & First Steps—M-F