

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, 1/19: Youth: Java & Jesus 9-9:45 AM @ Mountain Coffee

1-3pm—Singles Mingles Comedy Club

Monday, 1/20: The Church & Church Office will be closed in observance of the MLK holiday.

Tuesday, 1/21: Joyful Noon Circle @ 12 noon.

Wednesday, 1/22: Finance Meeting @ 5pm

Admin Council @ 6pm

Planning and Calendar Setting (to follow)

Sunday, 1/26: Singles Mingles Game Day @ the Church, 1-3

Church Lock-up Schedule

1/19-1/25: Bill Munson

1/26-2/01: Hank Chapman

2/2—2/8: Charlie Cobb



1/24: Keegan McCurdy

1/27: Debby Brown

Prayers for the Week

Pray without ceasing for family/friends, teachers, doctors., pastors, World Leaders/Military, The Weak, Sick & Hungry, Ourselves.

Prayer Request Forms are in the Pew Racks

General

Emma Ford Missionary

Health

Doug Bater

Ed Boyd

Jerry Boyne

Kevin Brett

Kyle Bullington

Joan Compton

Paul Compton

Allen Fanelli

Joy Fanelli

Sharon Fletcher

Terry Freeman

Jessica Good

Nancy Griffin

Betty Jo Hanes

Missy Kepley

Rylan Leeper

Shannon Leeper

Jackie Leva

Ann Shearon

Rick Thaxton

Mike Vitelli

Kenny Warren

Clyde White

Hospice /Rehab

Mike Watkins

Dan Weaver

Surgery /Upcoming

Earline Crooke

Barbara Fogle

Ann McClannahan

Surgery/Recuperating

Brad Opit

Fred Partin

Shut-In

Peter Adams

Marlene Brown

Ernette Calhoun

Jim Hagopian

Mack Hipp

Rudi Lanehardt

Caryl Putnan

Margie Pyren

Myron Seagraves

Paul Stanhope

Mary Uthlaut

Robert Westmoreland

Hospice

Bob Hix

Tom Lowery Sr

Richard Manning

Bill Patton

Caregiver

Joy Fanelli

Carolyn Hipp

Ruth Hix

Mary Jo Lowery

Lorraine Segraves

Joan Stanhope

Renee Walkins

Death in Family

Family of Andrew

Griglak

Family of Bryan

McFarland

Family of Peggy Puckett

Family of Valerie Weiss

The Family of Craig

Baum

The Family of

Mr. Yekle



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Sunday, January 19, 2025



LIJ Kids News

Calling all Kids!

Our normal Wednesday after school fun is back!

The normal schedule for this Fall will be 3:30-5:00 pm.

We will continue our normal pick-up at EES after school.



The United Methodist Men will be meeting

at Burger King every second Tuesday @

8am. The next meeting will be on February 11th.

Southwest Airlines Ticket Opportunity



The children's preschool drawing/donation is back again this year! The winner will receive two round-trip tickets to any Southwest destination that can be used by you or transferred to another lucky person. The tickets are good until April, 2026. Tickets are \$20 each and you will be supporting our wonderful preschool program.

The drawing is 4/2/25. Tickets are available from Marianne, any pre-school member or in the office.

We Welcome Into Our Church Family Lauren James Pritchett!



Lauren is the daughter of Kevin and Reagan Pritchett and the granddaughter of Denise Griggs. Lauren was born

December 16th weighing 6 lb-10 oz.. Welcome to Lauren and Congratulations to the Pritchett and Griggs Families!

FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, in your first miracle at Cana in Galilee, you demonstrated the over abundance and extravagance of your love. We are ever thankful that we, too, live in that divine love and grace. In your name we pray, Amen.

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm

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Julie Kepley.....Nursery Coordinator

Zack Kepley.....Audio/Video Technician



Worship Service
The Liturgical Color is Green
The Worship of God

The Prelude - “We’ve A Story to Tell the Nations”
arr by Lloyd Larson

The Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Announcements and Invocation

† **Choral Call to Worship** - “There’s a Spirit in the Air”
by Brian Wren/Richard Redhead

† **The Greeting** - Psalm 36, 1 Corinthians 12

Leader: God’s faithful love welcomes us here.

People: Thank God for this glorious gift!

Leader: God’s faithful love redeems our lives.

People: Thank God for our many blessings!

Leader: God’s faithful love is ours to share.

People: We will offer this gift to God’s world.

† **The Hymn of Praise**
“Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise” UMH 103

† **The Affirmation of Faith** **The Apostles Creed**
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son
our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third
day he rose from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

† **The Gloria Patri**
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & Congregational Prayer
Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Lord’s Prayer
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

†**The Hymn of Preparation:**
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” UMH 400

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings
Rev. Dr. Shearon

The Offertory Music: “Christ Be in My Waking”
arr by Larry Shackley

†**The Presentation and Doxology**
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

The Anthem: “Come My Way, My Truth, My Life”
arr by John Leavitt

The Scripture: John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there,

² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

³ When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.”

⁴ “Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.”

⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.”

They did so,

⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside

¹⁰ and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Sermon:
“Water to Wine— The First Miraculous Sign”
Rev. Dr. Shearon

†**The Closing Hymn**
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
UMH 89

*During this time, the Pastor and Prayer Team are
available at the altar for anyone desiring to join the
Church, personal or corporate prayer.*

†**The Benediction**

†**The Choral Benediction**
“Go Now in Peace”
by Natalie Sleeth

†**The Postlude**
“On Eagle’s Wings”
arr by John Carter

Invitation to Church Membership

*Anyone wishing to join this church may come forward
during the closing hymn.*

You Are Welcome Here

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out and your coming in.