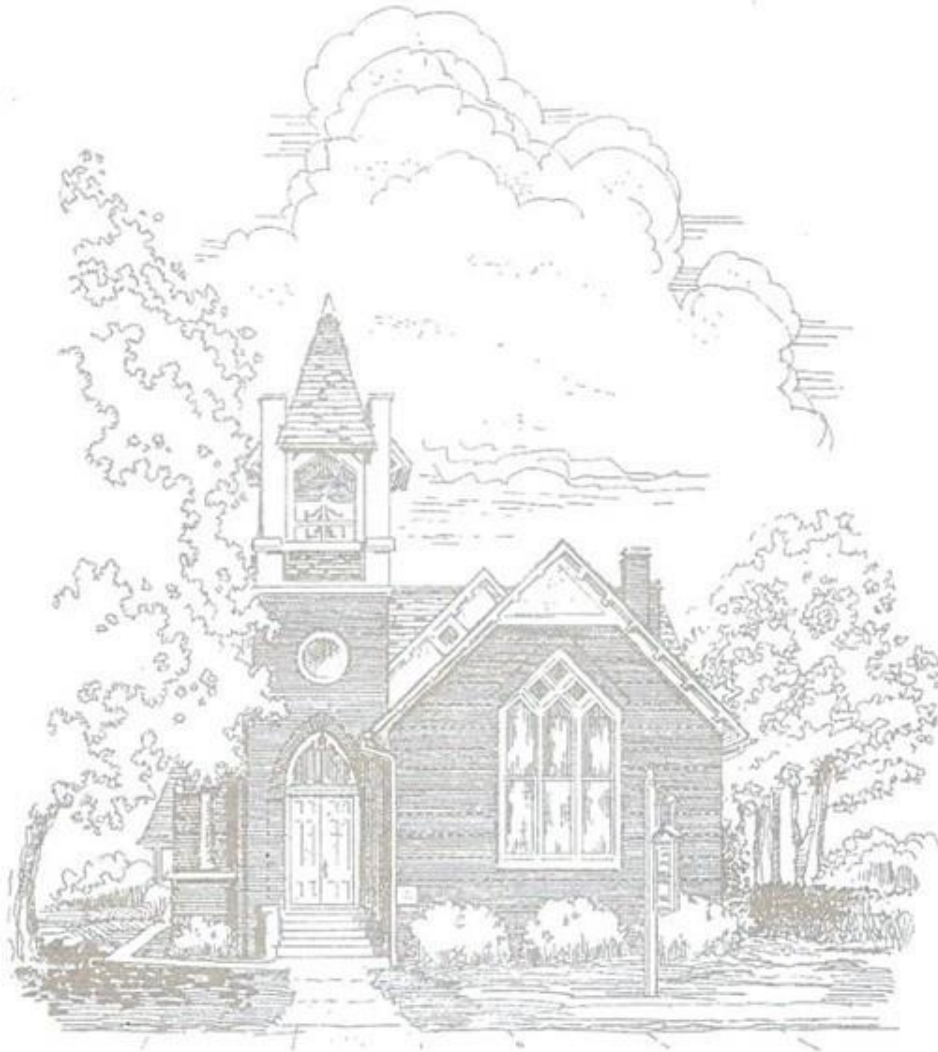


"Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."
Thomas a Kempis



First United Methodist Church

128 NORTH CHURCH STREET MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE

March 19, 2017

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

(Please prepare for worship through prayer and silent meditation.)

CHORAL INTROIT

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Come, Holy Spirit of God! Be with us today in our thoughts and our prayers.

Come, Holy Spirit of God! Be with us in our words and our deeds. AMEN.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of wind and fire, embolden us this day to receive your power. Help us to proclaim the wondrous things that you have done and continue to do in our lives. Give us strength and courage to share the Good News of your love and your presence. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. **AMEN.**

*HYMN No. 539, Vs. 1, 2, 4

O Spirit of the Living God

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING No. 95

The 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.**

*HYMN No. 500, Vs. 1, 2, 5

Spirit of the Living God, Descend on Me

ANTHEM

Spirit Song

CHILDREN SERMON

Andy Wright

(Following this part of the service, preschool children may go to the nursery, and children in grades K-6 may go to Creation Station.)

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

I Believe in the Holy Spirit

Reverend Scott Wilks

*HYMN No. 334

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

(Following the Benediction, please greet one another with joy and affection.)

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you may be able.

Items in **BOLD** are unison.)

CALENDAR/EVENTS

Sunday School: Don't forget Sunday School classes, which meet at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning!

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays—6:00 p.m.

UMM: Second Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

UMW: Second Thursday of the month at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Online Calendar: The church website has an online calendar with all regularly scheduled events and as new one-time or recurring events are scheduled, they are also added. Check it out!

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

United Methodist Youth Group: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Unique Boutique: Open Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

NOTICES

Large Print Hymnals are available. If you would like to use one, please notify an usher.

Pastor Scott can be found on Facebook, (540) 818-9155, or parsonwilks@gmail.com.

Please silence your **Electronic Device** during the service out of respect for others.

The **Telephone** number for the church is (423) 727-7554 and the parsonage is (423) 727-7572.

PRAYER LIST

In Your Prayers: Coach Harold Arnold, Jessica Borst Baker, Ina Bellamy, James (Bud) Bellamy, Bradley & Sarah Brown, Ken Caraway, Howard Carlton, Jim Everett, Sandra Vaught Herron, the family of Dottie Howard, Donna & Mort Johns, Joanne Nelson, John Perry, Donna Rosenberg, Gene Sauer, Bruno Steinhäuser, Kate Stermer, Jeff Stout, Margie & Ralph Stout, Kenneth Tolliver, Hill Ward, Pastor Scott Wilks (broken leg), Larry Wilson.

Military Service—Germany: Angel Sluder; Kuwait: Alan Morgan; USS Iwo Jima: Joshua Pace; Corpus Christy, Texas: Daniel J. Herman, Navy ENS, Flight Training; Lackland Air Force Base, Texas: Timothy West Bellamy.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Children's Sermon	Children's Church	Bulletin Board
05-Mar	Heerschap	Hall	Communion	Pennington	March/April Angel Easter/Spring
12-Mar	Hall	Holder	Walsh	Bontrager	
19-Mar	Payne	Bobbitt/Sijthoff	Wright	Tierney	
26-Mar	Angel	Evans/Peake	Wilks	Huff	