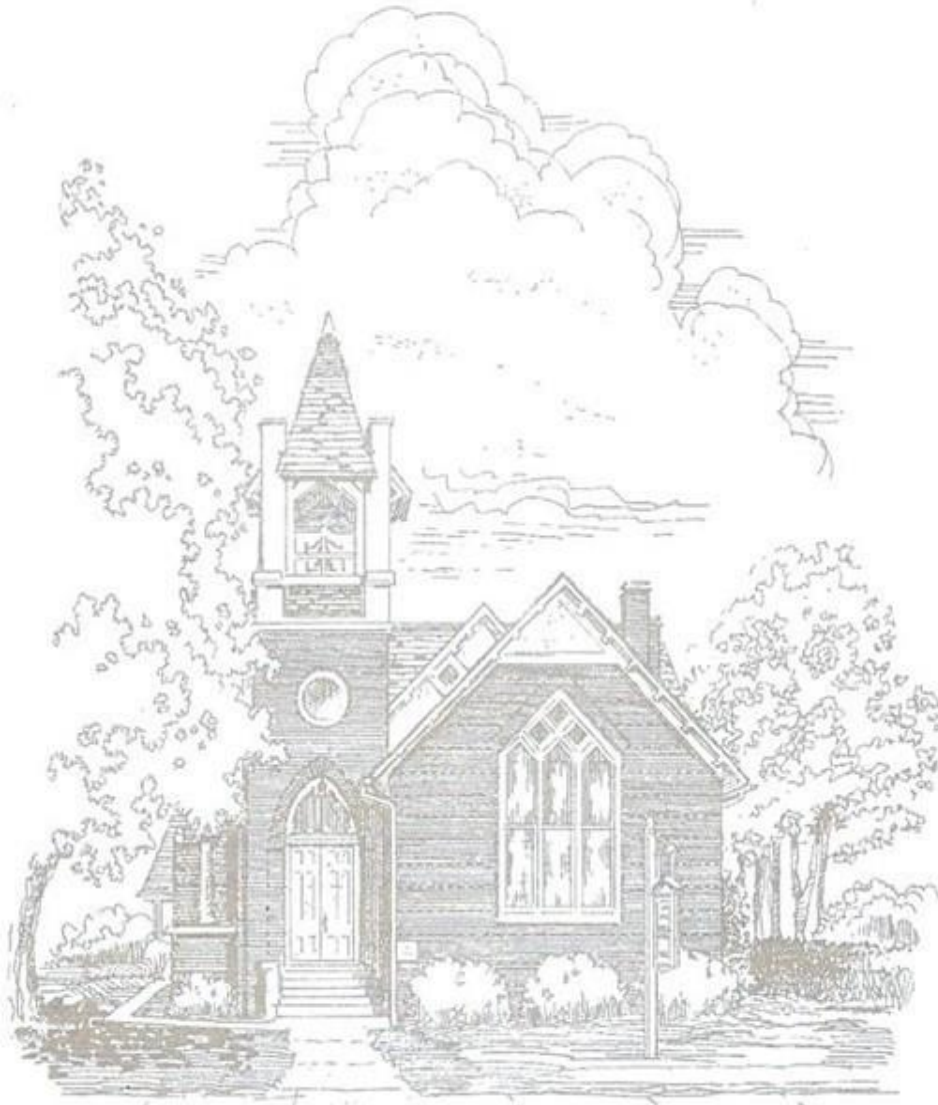


"Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."
Thomas a Kempis



 **First United Methodist Church**
128 NORTH CHURCH STREET MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE

May 7, 2017

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

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

CHORAL INTROIT

I Come with Joy, VS. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Peter called to the people

Inviting them into unity and solidarity in Christ

To break bread together

And to worship together

We too hear the call

To join the many generations before us

Worshiping a God whose love transcends time and age

Telling the stories of God's mighty acts in our midst

Let us praise God together, all of us,

Young and old, rich and poor, one people united in a celebration of faith.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Responsive)

In you, O God, is our trust.

And we shall never trust in vain.

Lead us and guide us in your truth.

Your word is truth.

Open every pathway of perception,

that we may know and follow in your way. Amen.

*PASS THE PEACE

*HYMN No. 545

The Church's One Foundation

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Come Share the Lord
Chancel Choir

*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. 641, Sing Twice

Fill My Cup, Lord

(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 2: 42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Model Church
Reverend Scott Wilks

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 12

(Use the musical responses on page 17. Your generous offering left on the Communion rail goes to the Pantry Fund, which assists those of our community in need.)

*HYMN No. 557, VS. 1, 2, 4

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

I Come with Joy, VS. 5

(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

Administrative Council: The council will meet Thursday, May 11 at 6:45 pm.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning!

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

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

Unique Boutique: Open Wednesdays 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month 10 a.m.–2 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.

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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.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Children's Sermon	Children's Church	Bulletin Board
05/07	Walsh	Holder	Communion	Pennington	May/June Huff VBS
05/14	Gill	Bobbitt/Sijthoff	Payne	Worley	
05/21	Heerschap	Evans/Peake	Walsh	Angel	
05/28	TBA	Perry/W. Smith	Wilks	Bontrager	