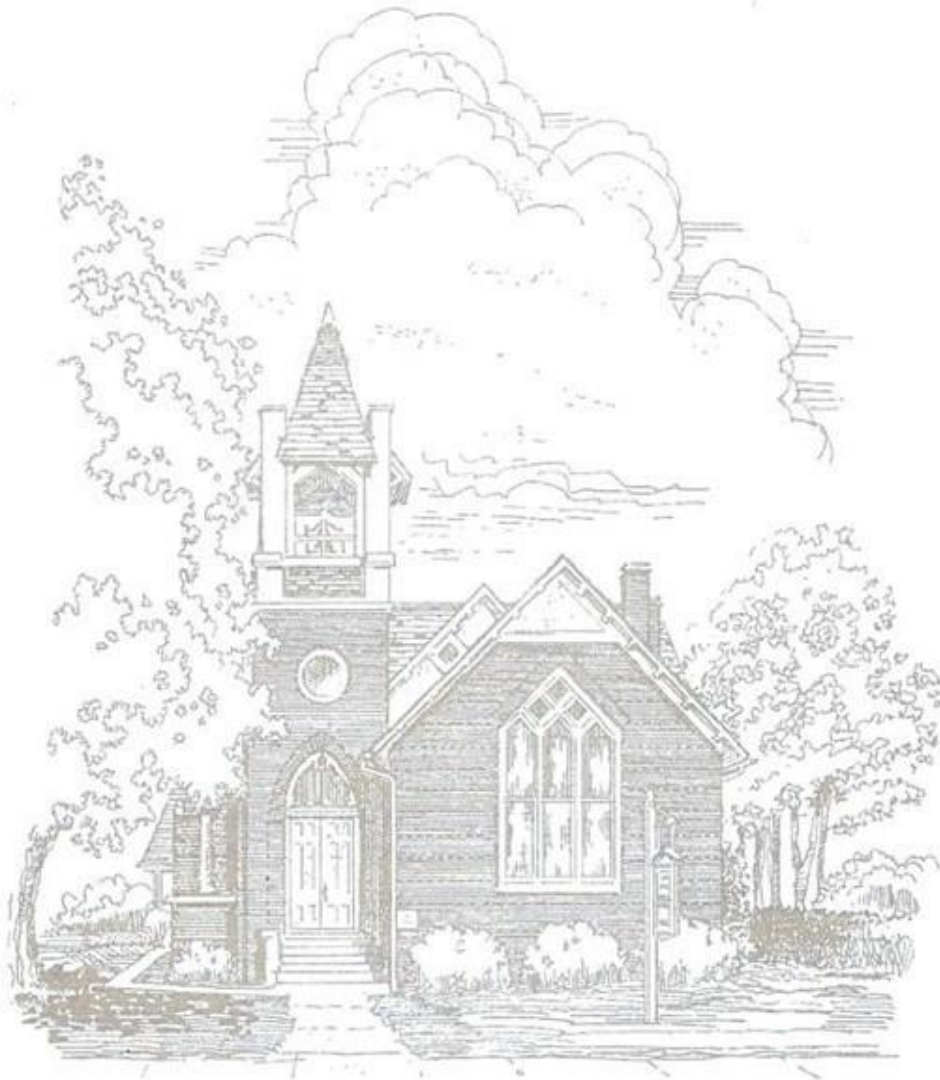


"Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."
Thomas a Kempis



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

May 14, 2017

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Faith of Our Mothers

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

our hearts a shelter for the outcast;

our hands open to the stranger.

We are God's people, created in the divine image:

to tell others of God's love,

to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.

We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

chosen to serve the lost and lonely,

gifted to minister to a hurting world.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Let us pray:

Loving, Eternal, and Gracious God, we have come again to worship you. We know that each one present is here at the call of your voice. We accept that none of us is here by accident. You have brought us together. Bless our time of worship, O God, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Be with us in the teachings, and the prayers. Guide and keep us, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*PASS THE PEACE

*HYMN No. 577, Vs. 1, 2, 4

God of Grace and God of Glory

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

At the Cross
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. 500, Vs. 1, 3, 5

Spirit of God, Descent upon My Heart

(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 7: 55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Stephen: The First Martyr
Reverend Scott Wilks

*APOSTLES' CREED No. 881

*HYMN No. 451

Be Thou My Vision

*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.



Happy Mothers Day

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.

PRAYER LIST

In Your Prayers: Coach Harold Arnold, Jessica Borst Baker, Ina Bellamy, James (Bud) Bellamy, Addie Bobbitt, Bradley & Sarah Brown, Ken Caraway, Howard Carlton, Jim Everett, Danny Herman, Sandra Vaught Herron, Donna & Mort Johns, Joanne Nelson, Toni Payne, John Perry, Donna Rosenberg, Gene Sauer, Bruno Steinhäuser, Kate Stermer, Jeff Stout, Margie & Ralph Stout, Kenneth Tolliver, the family of Hugh Wallace, Charlie Hill and Janice Ward, Pastor Scott Wilks, Lewis Wills, 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
05/07	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	