

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE & WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – Prachar Family  
 A Candle is Burning (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 4)

+CALL TO WORSHIP:  
 Leader: Restore us, O God;  
**People: let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

MISSION MOMENT: Christmas Dinner

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 1:18-25

PASTORAL PRAYER      LORD'S PRAYER (UMH#895)

OFFERTORY    +DOXOLOGY (UMH#95)      PRAYER

LESSONS/CAROLS/PAGEANT

On That Christmas Night:	Bonnie Crook & Megan Phillips
Mary's Little Boy Child:	Choir
Jesus Rest Your Head:	Choir featuring Megan
Hodie! Emmanuel! Gloria!	Choir
Whisper! Whisper!	Choir
<b>What Child Is This?</b>	<b>Congregation &amp; Choir</b>
Jesus, What a Wonderful Child	Choir featuring Carla
<b>Silent Night</b>	<b>Congregation &amp; Choir</b>
<b>O Holy Night</b>	<b>Congregation &amp; Choir</b>
<b>The First Noel</b>	<b>Congregation &amp; Choir</b>
<b>Joy to the World</b>	<b>Congregation &amp; Choir</b>

+BENEDICTION

(+) Those who are able are invited to stand.

\*Communion is available following the benediction at the front of the sanctuary

**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

**HOSPICE:** Cheryl Hennefeld.

**ADDITIONAL PRAYERS:** Donna Cowman. Isaac Hennefeld.

**PRAYER REQUEST**

*The prayer list is generated on a three-week cycle. If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at 641-842-3712 or [fumchurch@iowatelecom.net](mailto:fumchurch@iowatelecom.net).*

Last Week's Attendance: 172 Last Week's Giving: \$13856.09
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- ❖ **THANK YOU...** Thank you to everyone who delivered poinsettias to the shut-ins. Sharon Young
  - ❖ **THANK YOU...** Thank you to everyone who were coffee hosts and hostess in 2016.
  - ❖ **HOMEBUILDERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS...** The Homebuilders Sunday School Class will NOT be meeting on Christmas morning.
  - ❖ **COACHES VS. CANCER...** Again this year we are supporting Coaches vs. Cancer offering. The Knoxville Schools were the nations leaders for this cause at the high school level in 2016. The United Methodist Church supports cures for world diseases. On December 18<sup>th</sup> you may give through regular offering by earmarking a check or envelop for this cause or drop an offering in the mail or by the church office.
  - ❖ **3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITIES...** Nativity scenes displays will be set up for the open-house viewing December 18<sup>th</sup> after church. Nativities may be picked up from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on December 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - ❖ **MSPS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM...** Please join us for the MSPS Christmas Program on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 9:00 a.m. with a reception following in WFH.
  - ❖ **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES...** Join us for special Christmas Eve Candlelight Services **December 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
  - ❖ **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES...** The church office will be closed, Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday,

December 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Christmas Holiday. The church office will also be closed Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> for the New Year Holiday.

- ❖ **SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING...** The bell ringing will continue throughout the Christmas season. You can help again this year in two ways: 1) Sign-up sheets and schedules will be in the Narthex to share your gift of time for those in need this Christmas Season or you can contact Merna Furney at 641-842-3072 or 641-218-8026. She keeps the master list and will gladly add your name to the list. 2) Give generously. Every penny adds up.
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY DINNER...** We will be hosting our annual community Christmas Birthday party at noon on Sunday, December 25. We are inviting people without a place to go on Christmas Day to come celebrate with us. We will need help on Saturday starting around 8:00 am to prepare the turkeys, hams and all the trimmings, set up WFH and decorate. Sunday morning before church we could use help in getting the food ready, and Sunday after church we need help serving and cleaning up – God always provides! We will also need drivers to pick-up those without transportation and deliver meals to shut ins. We plan on serving up to 100 guests and 50 carryouts to shut ins for a Christmas Dinner. Signup sheets for the individual volunteer jobs will be in the Narthex.
- ❖ **HOW DO I JOIN THE MEMBERSHIP OF FIRST UMC HERE IN KNOXVILLE?** Great question and here is the answer. Rev. Weesner is planning four new member sessions, one in each season for 2017. The next session will begin with meetings on Wednesday evenings January 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings will last about 90 minutes and we will cover subject like the theology and administration of the United Methodist Church. The focus will also be to help us get to know one another. We plan to receive the new members during the worship service on Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>. Following sessions are also planned for spring, summer and fall if the January dates do not work for you. Call the office and let us know you are interested.

**For the Week Leading to December 25th, 2016  
Christmas Sunday – White/Gold**

**PERSONAL STUDY SCRIPTURES**

*Monday:* Isaiah 52:7-10

- Theme: the Work of Christ
- What is offered as the Good News? (Vs.7)
- What are we to do in response? (Vs. 8)

*Tuesday:* Psalm 97

- Theme: Rejoice the Lord is King
- How is the earth to respond to God? (Vs. 1)
- Who does the Lord love? (Vs.10)

*Wednesday:* Psalm 98

- Theme: Praise to the Lord
- What kind of a song are we to sing? (Vs. 1)
- How do you personally make a joyful noise to the Lord? (Vs. 4ff)

*Thursday:* Titus 3:4-7

- Theme: The Mercy of God
- What have we accomplished to receive God's mercy? (vs. 5)
- To what do we become the heirs? (Vs. 7)

*Friday:* Hebrews 1:1-12

- Theme: The Example of Jesus
- Outline how we are to move forward? (vs.1)
- What is the role of discipline? (7-11)

*Saturday:* John 1:1-14

- Theme: The Word Becomes Flesh
- Consider Small Group Study questions below.

*Sunday:* Reflect and Worship

*Sermon Scripture:*

*Sermon Title:*

**SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

*Opening:* Name a Good Thing, Bad Thing, & God Thing from Your Week

*Icebreaker:* Share a Christmas memory about Words spoken.

*Four Study Questions to Ponder:*

- How does something spoken become reality?
- What have you spoken into being?
- Who was/is the Word?
- Which has more power: the tongue or the pen?

*Share Your Personal Plan:* to Worship This Coming Week

*Share Your Personal Plan:* to Study This Coming Week

*Share Your Personal Plan:* to Serve This Coming Week

*Closing with Prayer and Blessing*

**REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday**

Chapel Worship Service – 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday**

Sanctuary Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.

(A well-equipped nursery, full playroom, and restroom are available for use if needed during this service. These areas are sound proof, but please turn on the speakers to continue to hear the service.)

Children's Church (Age 2 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) –  
10:00-10:30 a.m. (dismissed from worship service after young disciples time to East Fellowship Hall downstairs)

**Adult Sunday School**

Sundays Homebuilders 8:30 a.m. in Homebuilders Rm  
Sundays Faith Forum 10:30 a.m. in East Fellowship Hall  
Sundays Emergent Faith 10:35 a.m. in Choir Room

Youth Group (7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) –  
Sundays 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Youth Room

(You may stop by the welcome center for a copy of the entire month's activity schedule.)

**This Weeks Worship Leaders**

**Saturday Chapel Worship 5:30 PM**

Preaching: Dave Weesner

Accompanist: Christine Meyers

Ushers: Judy Paulsen

**Sunday Sanctuary Worship 9:30 AM**

Preaching: Dave Weesner

Liturgist: Bonnie Crook

Accompanist: Christine Meyers

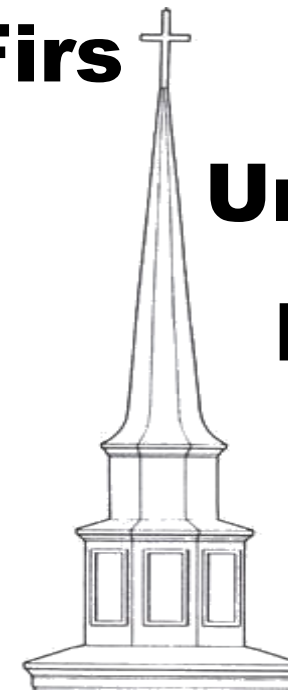
Ushers: Dave Johnson, Peggy Johnson,

Jim Butler, Jim Young, Kay Jensen, Don Harrison

Communion: Jack and Bonnie Crook

Hospitality: Kyle and Johnna Kincaid

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**United**  
**Methodist**  
**Church**



**Welcome**

You are invited to participate in the church events taking place this week.

Please stop by the welcome center and ask a Hospitality Coordinator for a copy of the entire month's activity schedule.

For even more complete descriptions we encourage you to visit our website at: [www.knoxvillemethodist.org](http://www.knoxvillemethodist.org).

Also like and leave a comment on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/firstchurchknoxville](http://www.facebook.com/firstchurchknoxville).

You can connect with the pastor and staff at

[fumchurch@iowatelecom.net](mailto:fumchurch@iowatelecom.net)

You can also call (641) 842-3712 or (641) 842-2192.

FUMC Pastors: David A. Weesner & Brent Hanna

Administrative Assistant: Heather Huyck

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Treasurer: Sharon Rigg

Ministry Coordinator: Joel Johnson

Youth and Montgomery Street Preschool: Katie Bishop