



# The Spirit



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## Our Lenten Observance at FCUMC

The Christian season of Lent spans 40 weekdays and begins this year on February 22, Ash Wednesday. On this day we will have 30-minute worship services in the chapel at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. You are also invited to a 6:40 p.m. service in the sanctuary. The Chancel Choir will provide music for this service.

As a part of each worship time, there will be the imposition of the ashes (the sign of the cross on the forehead) for those who wish to receive it as a reminder of our sinfulness before God. Childcare will be available for children birth through three-year-old Sunday school for the evening service. Small groups that normally meet at 6:30 p.m. will not be in session that evening.

We hope you will be able to begin the journey to Easter by joining us for worship on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and throughout the Lenten season.

## For Retirees: Jubilation 2012, April 22-24

Jubilation 2012 is the 12<sup>th</sup> annual gathering of senior adults (aged 50 and over) in the Holston Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. The event is designed to nurture spiritual growth, provide educational opportunities, and enhance Christian fellowship. The Meadow View Resort and Conference Center in Kingsport will host the Jubilation 2012 gathering. This year's theme is "A Joy Filled Life" and features speakers, workshops, and entertainment. Fountain City's own **Jim Whedbee** will be the worship leader for this event.

Deadline for registration is April 13, 2012. Additional information and registration forms are available in the church office. On line registration is available at [jubilation.holston.org](http://jubilation.holston.org).

## FCUMC Preschool Registration

FCUMC Preschool will register for the school year 2012-13 during March. Church members are guaranteed a place in the program if they register February 27 – March 2! Please check the website for more information. Contact Susan Todd at 689-5518 or email [stodd@fountaincityumc.org](mailto:stodd@fountaincityumc.org).

## Worship With Us!

### Traditional Services

(8:30 & 11:00)

**February 19, 2012**

"The Voice in Your Head"

Mark 9:2-9

Sermon by Jim Whedbee

**February 26, 2012**

Sermon by

Dr. Doug Fairbanks

Knoxville District

Superintendent



### Contemporary Service

(11:00)

**February 19, 2012**

"Are You There, God?"

Book of Job

Sermon by Melissa Smith

**February 26, 2012**

"Father Forgive Them..."

Luke 18:21-22; 23:33-34

Sermon by Melissa Smith

*The next print of the Spirit will be February 29. All articles must be submitted by noon on Monday, February 27.*

## PASTOR CORNERED

You may be aware that February is known as the “month of love.” Within this month, many celebrate Valentine’s Day by sending cards, flowers, chocolate, etc. These expressions of love are wonderful but is there something more that will last more than one day?

I often ponder on what it would look like for a church to truly be committed to loving God and responding in love and compassion to our world week in and week out. Fortunately, I don’t have to look too far; Fountain City United Methodist Church is doing this to a great degree. Our youth are looking for ways to eliminate homelessness in Knoxville by being involved in the lives of people at the Volunteer Ministry Center. Our children are developing a greater awareness about “doing one thing” to love others and giving them specific ways that they can do to reach out in love to their friends, family, and community. And the entire church is celebrating “Loving God,

Experiencing Christ, and Serving People” through our worship each week, our ongoing discipleship groups, and our commitment to missions and outreach projects.

I am overjoyed to be a part of a church which seeks to love God and serve people in so many significant ways, but there is so much more that we can do. Let’s not just celebrate what we have done or are doing but continue to seek opportunities to do more as we put into practice the words of 1 Corinthians 13:8, that “love never fails!”

-- *Melissa*

### Sweet Potato Drop

**Saturday, February 18, 2012 (Rain or Shine)**

Drop Location: Cokesbury Center Parking Lot  
9919 Kingston Pike

Sponsored by: Several Knoxville area churches and  
The Society of St. Andrew  
The community is invited to:

- Help feed hungry families in our area
- Bring the family; help bag 40,000 pounds of sweet potatoes to be given to families and area ministries in the Knoxville area
- Bagging will begin at 8:00 a.m.
- Distribution of the bags of sweet potatoes will start at 10:30 a.m. by individuals, churches or local food banks and agencies
- A Love Offering will be taken to offset the \$2500 cost to The Society of St. Andrew.
- Bring gloves and a stool or chair to sit on
- For information on how to help or schedule a pick-up contact Mike Smith at Michael\_14479@msn.com or 865-300-8150

#### February Drivers

Morning: Tim McComas  
After Church: Craig Holtzclaw

**Intercessory Prayer:** Mary Bolton, Tom Harrington

#### Emergency On Call

February 17-19: LeRoy & Sandra Hatcher  
February 24-26: Jim Whedbee

**Medical Transportation:** Jean Payne  
**Stephen Ministry:** Gail Clift

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## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

### Dates to Remember

#### February 25 - Beautiful 2012

Contact Rachel Duncan, 209-5537 or [rachelrduncan@gmail.com](mailto:rachelrduncan@gmail.com). Also check online for more information.

#### February 26 - IHN

Contact Daniel Ogle at 689-5175 or [dogle@fountaincityumc.org](mailto:dogle@fountaincityumc.org).

#### April 21 - Operation InAsMuch

Contact Kelley Flatford, [kflatford@gmail.com](mailto:kflatford@gmail.com) with project ideas or for more information.

#### March 30 - Agape Outreach vs. WBIR Heartbreakers

Come out and support Agape and their residents. Check them out online at [www.agapeoutreachhomesonline.org](http://www.agapeoutreachhomesonline.org)

### “Final Words from the Cross”

Join the LiveFaith Sunday school class, in room 138, beginning February 26, as they study Adam Hamilton’s latest series through the Lenten season. Melissa Smith will also be preaching on this series in *The Journey*.

In life and in death, Jesus’ words were powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven “final words”—statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves:

- Father Forgive Them
- Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother
- My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?
- Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise
- I Thirst
- It Is Finished
- Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit

### Just Living: Knoxville

On Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m. in March, Remedy Coffee in the Old City will host a series of discussions on sustainable living in a series hosted by several downtown churches. The first conversation will feature a discussion led by Dr. Bill Park, Agricultural and Resources Professor at the University of Tennessee, on waste in Knoxville. All conversations begin at 7 p.m. For more information, visit [www.remedycOFFEE.com](http://www.remedycOFFEE.com) or email [justlivingknoxville@gmail.com](mailto:justlivingknoxville@gmail.com).

- March 1: Waste, the High Price of Our Dirty Little Habits, Dr. Bill Park, UT Agricultural & Resources Professor Bill Park
- March 8: Coffee: Fair Trade and the Daily Latte, Robert Hodge, El Puente.
- March 15: Food: Choosing To Eat Ethically, Katie Ries, Three Rivers Market
- March 29: Clothing: The Story behind What You’re Wearing, Jim Richards, Mast General Store

### Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the recipients of the 2012 Spring Semester scholarships. The following students are truly worthy of the recognition and support we can give as they pursue their college education.

Jane Peoples – Charles Sloan Scholarship; Caroline Burroughs; Hillary Johnson; Madelyn Martin; Sarah Shipman; Mallory Smith

To continue these financial scholarships for those pursuing education beyond high school, we are in need of contributions toward our scholarship fund. If you have any questions concerning gifts to this fund, please contact Dee Dee Seals or John Patterson in our church office at 689-5175.

### Let’s Make Waves!

The Knoxville Dragon Boat Festival returns to the Cove at Concord Park for its tenth year on Saturday, June 23. This year the United Methodist Men are looking to form the church’s first team – 20 paddlers willing to bring their spirit and their best to race in Hong Kong-style boats and help Knox Area Rescue Ministries raise funds to change lives. All ages, skill levels, and physiques can participate. At least eight of the team members must be women. Sign up today and get on board for this fun community sporting event by contacting David Smith at [davidas.894@gmail.com](mailto:davidas.894@gmail.com) or 599-2900. For more information, check online at [knoxville.racedragonboats.com](http://knoxville.racedragonboats.com).

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## IN MEMORY AND HONOR

**Capital Campaign: In Memory Of: *Mossie Taylor*** by Charlotte Musgraves, Betty Wildman

***Deceased Christian Fellowship Class Members*** by Joy Wynn

***James Shadle*** by Troy & June Lawson

***Roy Williams*** by Mary Ellen Whittaker

**In Honor Of: *Virginia Frye*** by Charlotte Musgraves, Mary Ellen Whittaker

***Dorothy Stuart*** by Charlotte Musgraves

***Jenny Cook*** by Jenny Huskey

**Fountain City Ministry Center: In Memory Of: *Jim Shadle*** by Dolores Smith

***Wallace Cox, Marvin Holtzclaw*** by Tom Harrington

**In Honor Of: *Pat & Jerry Wrinkle*** by Charlie & Ann Durham

**GED: In Memory Of: *Mossie Taylor*** by Rudy & Carol McBee

**General Fund: In Memory Of: *Gene Puett, Jim Shadle*** by Elmer & Sarah Ridenour

***Roy Williams*** by Ruth DeBusk, Tim & Margaret Rose

***Mossie Taylor*** by Mary Emma Scott

**Upper Room for Hospitals: In Memory Of: *Roy Williams*** by John & Karen Needy

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## WE REJOICE



We are happy to announce the birth of ***Lelia Charis Hedgepeth***. on February 2, 2012. Congratulations to Brad and Dana on the birth of their daughter. Rachel Hedgepeth is the proud grandmother.

## Upcoming Youth Events

**February 22:** Ash Wednesday Services

**February 26, 2:30 p.m.:** Lady Vols Basketball Game

**February 29:** *Confirmation Retreat Registration and \$30 Non-Refundable Deposit Due*

**March 9-11:** Confirmation Class Retreat, Lake Junaluska

**March 15, 5:00 p.m.:** Winter Jam Tour

**March 19-23:** Knox County Spring Break

**March 25:** Youth Activity

**April 22:** *Spring Retreat Registration and \$40 Non-Refundable Deposit Due*

**April 29:** Confirmation Sunday

**May 4-6:** Spring Retreat

## Valentine Dance

We thought we were prepared. After all, this is the ninth year of hosting our annual Father Daughter Valentine Dance. The gym was transformed, lights hung, candles lit, cookies on trays, door prizes, wrapped music playing and photographers ready. Then it happened!

Girls! And Dads! They had arrived! By 6:30 p.m., nine of the fourteen recipes of punch we prepared were gone! (yes, we prayed for God to multiply that punch!) There were folks waiting to get tickets and a line for photographs that stretched down the hallway.

We were not prepared for the overwhelming blessings of the night! God blessed us with over 330 folks in attendance, over \$250 in door prizes from local businesses, beautiful music and photographs, delicious cookies, and precious time spent with people we love. God did multiply that punch! We had two recipes left at the end of the night! He multiplied those cookies and we were able to have a bake sale Sunday morning, raising \$137.31 and still have cookies to share with the NET ministry! Because of God's overwhelming goodness to us and your generosity and support, we have an unexpected \$950 to use in ministry and mission! After all costs have been paid, \$3 out of every \$5 ticket sale will be used to further our work for God's kingdom.

Be prepared. God will bless His work!

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## CHURCH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 17 - MARCH 3

### Regular Weekly Activities

#### Sundays

- 8:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)+
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages (Church-wide)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)+  
*The Journey* Contemporary Worship (Gym)+
- 4:00 PM Disciple III (208)  
OffeRing Youth Handbells (Bell Room)
- 5:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

#### Mondays

- 8:30 AM Preschool (M-F)
- 9:00 AM Aerobics (M, W, F) (Gym)
- 3:15 PM The NET (M-F)
- 4:00 PM Dance For Joy (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting (Various)  
Boy Scouts (Various)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (M, W, Th, F, Sa)
- 8:30 PM Men's 40+ Basketball (Gym)

#### Tuesdays

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (137)
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting (202)
- 10:00 AM UMW (Wesley Hall)
- 4:00 PM GPS4Kids Music (Choir Room)
- 4:30 PM Dance for Joy (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study (Offsite)

#### Wednesdays

- 5:00 PM Genesis Handbells (Handbell Room)
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Gym)  
GED Classes ( 106)
- 6:30 PM Youth Group (135)  
Caregivers (112)  
Common Grounds (208)  
God's Perfect Plan (138)  
Pastor's Bible Study (137)  
Tollers Handbell (Bell Room)  
Wednesday Night Live (Children's Hallway)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
*The Journey* Praise Team Rehearsal (136)\*

#### Thursdays

- 5:30 PM Dance For Joy (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 PM Yoga - Adults (Gym)
- 6:30 PM Personally Experiencing Prayer (102)  
Disciple I (202)
- 7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)

#### Fridays

- 8:00 AM Young Men's Bible Study (138)

### Scheduled Activities

#### Sunday, February 19

- 6:00 PM Beautiful Parent Meeting (Wesley Hall)

#### Monday, February 20

- 9:30 AM Monday Morning Bible Study (106)\*
- 11:30 AM Older Singles Valentine Lunch (Offsite)
- 6:00 PM Preschool Staff Meeting (138)

#### Tuesday, February 21

- 10:00 AM Bridge (135)
- 6:00 PM Pancake Supper & Lent Event (Gym)
- 7:00 PM Youth Advisory Council (135)
- 8:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee (208)

#### Wednesday, February 22

- 7:30 AM Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)
- 12:20 PM Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (Gym)
- 6:40 PM Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)  
*No regular 6:30 programming will meet*

#### Thursday, February 23

- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts God & Country Class (137)

#### Saturday, February 25

- 8:30 AM Beautiful 2012 (Gym)
- 5:30 PM Open Door Community Meal (Wesley Hall)

#### Sunday, February 26

- IHN Begins*
- 9:45 AM "Final Words from the Cross" Study (138)
- 2:30 PM Youth to Lady Vols Game (Offsite)  
*No Growth Groups*

#### Monday, February 27

- 6:30 PM The Net Committee (137)
- 7:00 PM Preschool Parent Meeting (Wesley Hall)

#### Tuesday, February 28

- 7:00 PM Thinking Positively (Choir Room)

#### Wednesday, February 29

- IHN continues, please verify your group location*

#### Friday, March 2

- 6:30 PM Family Fun Night (Gym)

\* Childcare provided for children from birth to fifth grade if previously arranged  
+Activities provided for children from birth through 3-year-old Sunday school

***Please notify the church office of any changes to scheduled events so that the calendar will be correct!***

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## THE SPIRIT

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### OUR PRAYERS

#### Church Family in the Hospital:

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#### Recently Discharged from the Hospital:

*Removed for privacy*

### OUR PRESENCE

#### **Sunday, February 5, 2012**

Sunday School	470
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	288
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	283
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	94
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	50
Total Morning Worship	715

#### **Sunday, February 12, 2012**

Sunday School	453
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	180
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	258
11:00 a.m. <i>The Journey</i>	127
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	41
Total Morning Worship	606

### OUR GIFTS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS (GENERAL FUND)

January 30 - February 6	\$35,159
February 7 - 13	\$32,135

### OUR SERVICE

#### February Ushers:

**8:30 Traditional Service:** Charles & Celia Thompson, Head Ushers; Troy Lawson, David & Debbie Vandergriff; Rogan Oliver

**11:00 Traditional Service:** Gary Hillard, Mark Hillard - Head Ushers; Jason Hillard, Frank & Nancy Faulkner, Buzzy Freeman, Teresa Hillard, Brent & Nicole Eldridge, Perry Benshoof

***The Journey:*** Bill Baldwin, Jane Peoples, Gene & Mandy Patton

**February Greeters:** Sue Brichetto, Jackie Benshoof, Lynn Osborne, Wanda Ledford, Mary Emma Scott, Erma Prather