

Sevierville First  
United Methodist Church  
214 Cedar Street  
Sevierville, TN 37862

Return Service Requested

**Mailed: February 1, 2021**

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### ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY

January 3, 2021	No Service
January 10, 2021	No Service
January 17, 2021	No Service
January 24, 2021	Worship: 122 Sunday School: 56
January 31, 2021	Worship: 119 Sunday School: 46

### CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor: Rev. Jeff Lambert**  
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**Pastor: David Zavona**  
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music@1stmethodist.com

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**Children/Education Director: Jeff McPeeks**  
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**Youth/Young Adult Director: Kenny Tucker**  
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**Administrative Assistant: Rhonda Stearley**  
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**Building and Grounds: Steven Ryan**

**Housekeeping: Mary Patterson and Jose Ponce**



### NO Ash Wednesday Service

DUE TO RESTRICTIONS WITH COVID 19  
THERE WILL NO ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE THIS YEAR.

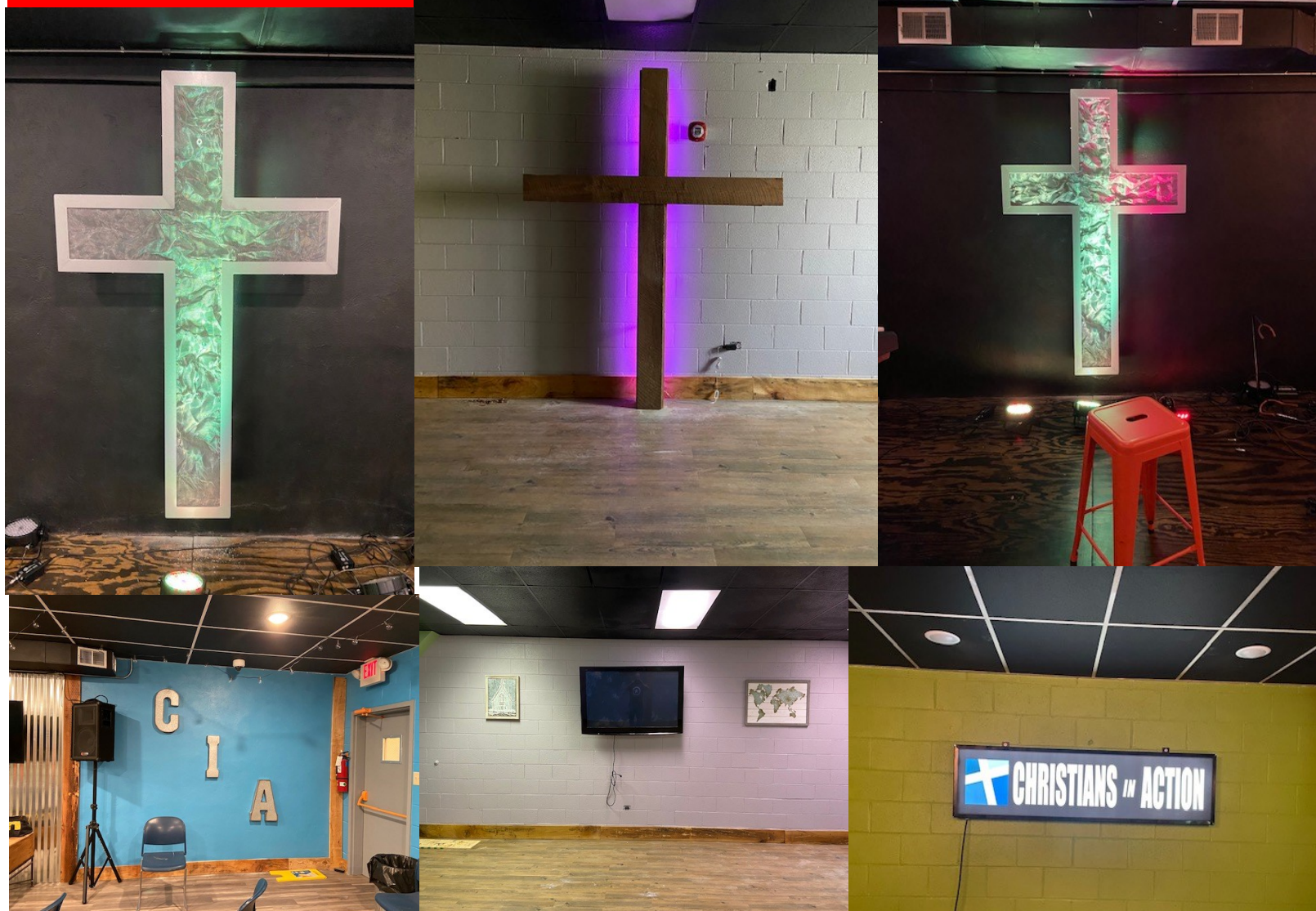
Church Phone Number: (865) 453-5754

Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



# THE MESSENGER

February 1, 2021



Dear church family,

A little over a year ago we embarked on a journey to raise money to transform our youth rooms. We went in with the mindset that if we provided a space for the youth that appealed to them that it would attract more youth. As a result, this would give us the opportunity to reach more youth with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The church saw the potential for the vision cast and in just three weeks we raised the money necessary to transform both spaces. Our special donor who matched the donations up to \$10,000 pushed us over the top and allowed us to do some really great things. Without further ado, the C.I.A. Youth and I would like to invite you to come for an open house on February 28th, 2021 at 9:30. And then again after the 10:45 services. The Youth would love to give you a tour of these wonderful spaces. Thank you again for your support and love. Sincerely, Kenny Tucker



Would you like to help us save printing and mailing costs and start receiving The Messenger via e-mail?  
Please contact Rhonda Stearley at [info@1stmethodist.com](mailto:info@1stmethodist.com) to be added to our list!

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## OUR STEWARDSHIP THROUGH GIVING

<b>BUDGET 2021:</b> \$803,300.00	
Balance January 1, 2021	196,043.17
Received 2021	38,509.81
Total	234,552.98
Expenses 2021	56,799.22
Balance	177,753.76
<b>BUILDING DEBT</b>	<b>216,237.64</b>
Balance Jan. 1, 2021:	65,222.08
Received 2021	1,970.00
Total Building Fund	<b>67,192.08</b>
Loan Principal Paid	1,475.77
Expenses	916.21
Balance	64,800.10

**I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service and my witness.**

**Online Banking** If you are interested in online banking please stop by the church office and pick up a form. If you have any questions please contact Rhonda at the church office 453-5754.

**Online Giving** Giving made easy go to:

1stmethodist.com. All donations go to Sevierville First United Methodist Church.

or

Holston Conference Local Church Giving Form go to <http://holston.org/church-offering>

## Prayer Concerns

Martin McMahan	Loris Ogle	Lisa Melton
Joe & Cynthia Foisset	Yvonne Broyles	Brynlee Roy
Jan Lord	Imelda McVan	Doug Layman
Rodney Parsons	Jeanne Rawlings	Elinor Spadafora
Sylvia McCluney	Mary Alice Teague	Ruth Robertson
Linda Wolff	Kevin Flannery	Leslie Pedersen
Allen Wendt	Rev. Bill Akers	Willie Cate
Richard Postlethwait	John Parker	Ron Free
James "Eddie" Napier	Debbie Pope	Jack Williams
Andy Glass	Earl Parrott	Rocky Clemons
Genevieve Muscarella	JoAnn Muscarella	Bemadette Boggs
Mary Sue Poe	Kenneth Moon	Elizabeth Barton
Margaret Mancusi	Barbara McCoy	Susan Hay
Jack & Cathy Bishop	Judy Stearley	Missie Zavona
Nancy Metske	Scott Broady	
Jeff & Annette Dudley		
All our Armed Forces Personnel		
Police, Fire Fighters, and Rescue Squad		

## Sunday, February 28, 2021 Is 4th Sunday School Missions

On this Sunday the money that is given during the Sunday School hour is used for Mission Projects!



## Our Deepest Sympathy

We express our sincere Christian sympathy to:  
Jim Hass and Family on the death of his mother  
**Evelyn Hass** who died on Thursday, December 31, 2020.

Jennifer Clinton and Family on the death of her mother  
**Nancy Cubberley** who died on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

Cindy Anders and Family on the death of her husband  
**Bruce Anders** who died on Friday, January 8, 2021.

## MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS

**December 27-31, 2020 -  
January 3-24, 2021**

Youth Fund in Memory of **Michael DiBenedetto**  
By Ed and Barbara O'Brien  
Johnny and Mary Kate Guinn  
Patricia Palmer

Given to the Adult Choir in Honor of **Amanda Barton**  
**Mandy Rogers**  
By Johnny and Mary Kate Guinn

Given to the Budget in Memory of **Donna Huffaker**  
By Doug Huffaker

Given to the Budget in Memory of **Mike DiBenedetto**  
By Mary and Mike Lee  
Jay and Karen Ogle  
Patricia and Richard Podkul  
Kathleen Kearney  
Bob and Paige McClure

Given to the Budget in Memory of  
**Chief Alfred Venne** - my grandfather  
By Princess Pale Moon Rose

Given to the Budget in Memory of **Bruce Anders**  
By Albert and Lucy Atchley  
Bob and Paige McClure  
Mike and Mary Lee

Given to the Budget in Honor of  
**Norma Blair** - 98th Birthday  
**Lois Ogle**  
By Al and Cheri Schmutzer

Given to the Building Fund in Memory  
**Neil and Nancy Cubberley**  
**Bob Winkler**  
By Julia Reynolds

Given to the Building Fund in Memory  
**Mike DiBenedetto**  
By Julia Reynolds  
Joe and Wilma Zavona

Given to the Building Fund in Honor of  
**Dwight Wade, Jr. and Family**  
**Ken Wade and Family**

By Gary and Sandra Wade

Given to the Community Dinner in Memory of  
**Mike DiBenedetto**

By Brooke Blair

Given to the Children's Ministry in Memory of  
**Nancy Cubberley**

By Brooke Blair

Given to the Holston United Methodist Home for Children in Memory of  
**Bob Baker**  
**Dwight Brock** **Thomas T.J. Cantwell**  
**Brent Collier** **Lou Ann Davis**  
**Michael DiBenedetto** **Yvonne Fain**  
**Stephen Houser** **John Huff**  
**Ada Isenberg** **George Marion**  
**Harry C. McMahan** **Jack Miller**  
**Michael Palmer** **James Runyan**  
**Betty Sue Scarlett** **Judy Pat Delozier Overbay**  
**Ana Stinnett** **Jack Teague**  
**Lisa Turner** **Julian D. Waggoner**  
**Bob Winkler**  
By Bill and Carole Yett

Given to the Sevier County Food Ministries in Memory of  
**Ben Brabson, Jr.** and **Bruce Anders**  
By Norma Blair  
Brooke Blair

## Recognition of Support For 2020

Last year was stressful time for all of us. In spite of that Sevierville First was able to reach out and support those in need. We have received acknowledgement from the following organizations and projects that we have supported in 2020.

Appalachian Relief Fund (money, time and resources)  
Wearwood Elementary Thanksgiving Baskets  
Zimbabwe Food Buckets  
Sevier County Food Ministries (money, time and resources)  
Thursday Night Neighborhood Meal (money and time)  
Imagine No Malaria  
St Andrews Potato Project  
Haiti Water Project  
Baltic Mission Center  
UmCor USA Disaster Relief  
Change for Children  
Heifer International  
School Supplies for Sevier County Teachers (money and resources)  
Farm Fresh to Families (time and resources)  
Isaiah 1:17 Sevier County

Thank you for reaching out.

Peace in Christ

*Mike*

## From The Pastor's Desk

**1 Samuel 18:1-4**

*1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.*

*2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.*

*3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.*

*4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.*

A friend is someone you love and trust, a close companion or comrade. One of the best examples of friendship in the Bible was between David and Jonathan. Their relationship was one of honesty, support and faithfulness. Though their relationship was often strained because of the political dynamics of the day. Most friendships could not weather the fact that Jonathan's dad Saul, was trying to kill David. This would end most friendships. We would not blame David for breaking off ties with Jonathan but their friendship was deeper than Saul's anger and jealousy of David. Their love for God and each other was never in doubt. Solomon, in book of Proverbs writes, *a friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.* Proverbs 17:17

Thank God for the friends God has given us.

Grace & Peace

*Pastor Jeff*

**We have a new mass texting program to help communicate our major events and committee meetings.**

**If you would like to start receiving texts please let us know your cell phone number by calling the church office at (865) 453-5754 or email your cell to [info@1stmethodist.com](mailto:info@1stmethodist.com).**

## Church Bible Studies

Before purchasing a Bible study for your small group or Sunday school class, please be sure to check our Bible study list. This could save costs on ordering something we may already have. We have a list of over 200 different Bible studies. If you are interested in one of these Bible studies, please let us know which study you will be picking up.