

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

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# THE MESSENGER

March 1, 2021



**Set Your Clocks!**

**Saturday Night  
March 13**

**We Spring ahead one hour!**

**Congratulations to:**

Nathan and Sarah Cheek on the birth  
of a son **Bennett Andrew Cheek**  
born on Monday, February 8, 2021.



## ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY

February 7, 2021	Worship: 92	Sunday School: 37
February 14, 2021	Worship: 119	Sunday School: 39
February 21, 2021	Worship: 139	Sunday School: 46
February 28, 2021	Worship: 149	Sunday School: 46

### 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.



Church Phone Number: (865) 453-5754

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



## CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor: Rev. Jeff Lambert**  
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(423) 653-7982

**Pastor: David Zavona**  
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**Director of Music/Organist: Amanda Barton**  
music@1stmethodist.com

**Pianist/Hymn Leader: Mandy Rogers**  
songleader@1stmethodist.com

**Crossroads Worship Leader: Ashley Reddick**  
worship@1stmethodist.com

**Children/Education Director: Jeff McPeeks**  
children@1stmethodist.com

**Youth/Young Adult Director: Kenny Tucker**  
youth@1stmethodist.com

**Administrative Assistant: Rhonda Stearley**  
info@1stmethodist.com

**Building and Grounds: Steven Ryan**

**Housekeeping: Mary Patterson and Jose Ponce**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Holy Week Noon Services**  
have been canceled this year.

**Maundy Thursday  
Holy Communion Service**  
Thursday, April 1 at 6:00 pm

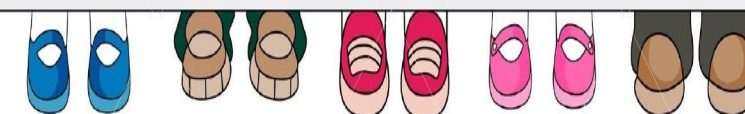
**Kids Easter Celebration**  
Saturday, April 3 11:00 am-12:00 noon  
The event will be here at the church.

**Easter Schedule**  
Sunday, April 4  
7:00 am Sunrise Service  
at the church - grass lot across the street  
in front of the sanctuary - service held inside if it rains.

**NO Easter Sunrise Breakfast**  
**7:00 am Sunrise Service**  
**8:30 am Traditional Service**  
**9:30 am Sunday School**  
**10:45 am Crossroads**  
**10:45 am Traditional Service**



Each year in the month of March the Child Care Ministries Board hosts a lunch after the church service to benefit the Susan T. Atchley Scholarship Fund. **This year due to Covid 19 restrictions the event has been canceled.** The Scholarship Fund helps children to be able to participate in our program. If you would like to give to this important cause please make your payable check to SFUMC church and earmark it for CCM Scholarships. Again, we would like to thank everyone for their support.



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**

**BUDGET 2021:** \$803,300.00

Balance January 1, 2021	196,043.17
Received 2021	99,710.58
Total	295,753.75
Expenses 2021	113,527.88
Balance	182,225.87

**BUILDING DEBT** **210,755.66**

Balance Jan. 1, 2021	65,222.08
Received 2021	6,965.00
Total Building Fund	<b>72,187.08</b>
Loan Principal Paid	6,957.75
Expenses	1,826.21
Balance	63,403.12

**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	Missie Zavona	Nancy Metske
Scott Broady	Jeff & Annette Dudley	Ann Bush
Betty Ryan	All our Armed Forces Personnel	
Police, Fire Fighters, and Rescue Squad		

**Sunday, March 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 Milligan and Family on the death of his brother **Russell Milligan** who died on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

**MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS**

**January 10, 2021**

Given to the Budget in Memory of **Mike DiBenedetto**  
**Bruce Anders**

By Bill and Anne Holmes

**January 24, 2021**

Given to the Budget in Memory of **Bruce Anders**  
By Al and Cheri Schmutzer

**January 31, 2021**

Given to the Kitchen Project in Memory of **Mike DiBenedetto**

By Albina De Lora

Given to the Budget in Memory of **Bruce Anders**  
By Johnny and Mary Kate Guinn  
Craig and Rhonda Ratcliff

Given to the Budget in Memory of **Inloe Whaley**  
By Johnny and Mary Kate Guinn

Given to the Budget in Memory of **Nancy Cubberley**  
**Mike DiBenedetto**

By Craig and Rhonda Ratcliff

**February 7-21, 2021**

Given to the Youth and Children's Fund Memory of **Neil and Nancy Cubberley**

By Jennifer Clinton

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

By Faye and Moe Greenwood

Given to the Budget in Memory of **Evelyn Hass**  
By Al and Cheri Schmutzer

Given to the Budget in Memory of **J. E. Lee**  
By Mike and Mary Lee

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Given to the Budget in Memory of **Mike DiBenedetto**

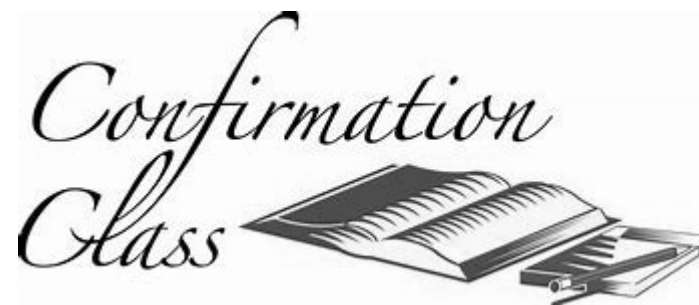
By Albert and Lucy Atchley  
Logan and Mignonne Coykendall

Given to the Budget in Honor of **Bennett Andrew Cheek**  
By Brooke Blair

Given to the Youth Fund in Memory of **Mike DiBenedetto**

By J.T. and Susan Arnold  
Dean and Betsy Pillsbury

Given to the Youth Fund in Memory of **Bruce Anders**  
By Chuck and Sonya Nave



**Confirmation 2021**

will start on Sunday, March 7, 2021  
3:00 pm in the Wesleyan Classroom

**EASTER LILIES**

In celebration of our Lord's love for us and His resurrection - you are invited to purchase a lily or lilies in honor of or in memory of a loved one or both. Lilies will be placed on church altars on Easter Sunday. Cost is \$15.00.

On Sunday, April 4 we will have a booklet made with all the names of your loved ones.

Please complete this form by Monday, March 29 at noon - PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION!

Given in Honor of \_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_.

Given in Memory of \_\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_.

Please indicate number of lilies \_\_\_\_\_. Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_. Payment is due with order.

You may pick up your lilies after the 10:45 worship service to take home with you or to gift to a family member or friend.

*From The Pastor's Desk*

**Galatians 5:22-23**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

The purpose of Lent is to imitate Jesus who following His baptism fasted for forty days. Fasting has traditionally been a part of Lent. Fasting is a way of identifying with the forty day fast Jesus went on after his baptism and before His ministry began. It is a time for strengthening our resolve and increasing our self discipline. It is a time for repentance and service for God and to others.

The Fruit of The Spirit teaches us what God wants to work into our hearts and lives. It is the Holy Spirit that empowers us so we would not be conformed to the world but to God. By exercising the fruit of *self control* during Lent, we will draw closer to God. During Lent let's open up our hearts and allow the Spirit of God to do a great work in us.

*Pastor Jeff*

**Texting Program**

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

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