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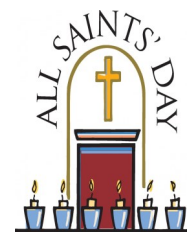
# THE MESSENGER

November 2017 SEVIERVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 5, 2017

(At all three services)

Please join us as we remember our church members that have passed away within the last year.



Betty Hartman  
James McDanell  
Shawn Stearley

Roy Caldwell  
Dr. Lee Roy Dyer

Mailed: November 1, 2017



### Daylight Savings Time Ends On Sunday Morning November 5

Therefore, you need to set your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night so you will be on time for Sunday School and Worship.

### Operation Christmas Child

If you would like to help with this project there is more information on the Mission Board which is located in the Great Hall.



You can pick up your shoebox in the Great Hall. Also, please note this year the price to mail your shoebox is now **\$9.00**.

Due to customs regulations now **NO TOOTHPASTE OR CANDY** is allowed.

Deadline for this project is **Monday, November 13th**.

Church Phone Number: (865) 453-5754

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



### CHURCH STAFF

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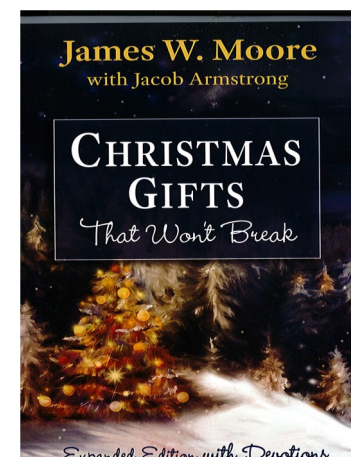
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**Housekeeping: Mary Patterson**



### Advent Study

"Christmas Gifts That Won't Break"

What are the Christmas gifts that won't break? They are those gifts that cannot be lost, that never go out of style.

Join this Advent journey with popular, well known teacher and storyteller James W. Moore in a five-week study that explores the spirit of Christmas. We will study, talk about and reflect on the unbreakable gifts that God has given us: hope, love, joy and peace and most important, remember God's greatest gift, He who comes to us as a baby and leads us through all the days of our lives.

\*When: **Wednesday Nights (except for Thanksgiving week)-Starting date: Wed., Nov., 15th.**

\*Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

\*Where: Wesleyan Classroom

Cost of book \$13.00 each. Books available in church office and you can pay for book at pick-up time.

Teachers: Ronnie Shell and Helen Cooper.

### Advent And Christmas Schedule

Sunday, November 26 6:00 Hand-Bell Choir, Ladies Ensemble, Men's Chorus, and The Cross & Flame Ensemble

Sunday, December 3 6:00 Elijah Banquet

Sunday, December 10 6:00 Children's Christmas Musical- "Christmas Around the World"

Sunday, December 17 6:00 Christmas Cantata- "A Celebration of Carols"

Sunday, December 24 5:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Services- Traditional 5:00  
Contemporary 5:00



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 to be added to our list!

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## OUR STEWARDSHIP THROUGH GIVING

**BUDGET 2017:** \$ 722,130.00

Balance January 1, 2017	44,352.27
Received 2017	576,109.90
Total	<u>620,462.17</u>
Expenses 2017	591,233.15
Balance	29,229.02
<b>BUILDING DEBT</b>	<b>293,543.86</b>
Balance Jan. 1, 2017:	23,966.88
Received 2017	72,648.46
Total Building Fund	96,615.34
Expenses	<u>75,181.60</u>
Balance	21,433.74

**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 with Pay Pal. All donations go to Sevierville First United Methodist Church.

## NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE AND SERMON For Traditional Service

November 5, 2017 Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12  
Sermon: Heaven Can't Wait

November 12, 2017 Scripture: 1 Peter 1:15-16  
Sermon: The Holiness of God

November 19, 2017 Scripture: Luke 17:11-19  
Sermon: The Ultimate Thanksgiving Feast

November 26, 2017  
David Zavona Sermon Series: Eternity

## For Crossroads Service

November 2017 Sermon: Eternity

November 26, 2017 Scripture: 2 Chronicles 5:11-14  
Rev. Jeff Lambert Sermon: Seven Ways to Praise God

## ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 1, 2017	Worship: 256	Sunday School: 127
Oct. 8, 2017	Worship: 248	Sunday School: 111
Oct. 15, 2017	Worship: 270	Sunday School: 106
Oct. 22, 2017	Worship: 313	Sunday School: 125
Oct. 29, 2017	Worship: 276	Sunday School: 103

## Sunday, November 26, 2017 Is 4th Sunday School Missions

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

## Fellowship Schedule for:

- Nov. 5** Emmanuel/Pathfinders/Rooted
- Nov. 12** New Horizons
- Nov. 19** Truth Seekers/Lord's Lovely Ladies
- Nov. 26** Ned Williams

## Congratulations To:

*Justin and Tessa Israel* on the birth of a daughter,  
*Lucy Elise Israel* - born on Wed., Sept., 27, 2017.

*Steven and Ruby Ratcliff* on the birth of a son,  
*Benjamin Craig Ratcliff* - born on Wed., Oct., 11, 2017.

## Our Deepest Sympathy

We express our sincere Christian sympathy to:

Chuck Ottolini and Family on the death of his brother  
John Ottolioni who died on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.  
Carolyn Keathley and Family on the death of her husband  
Elmer Keathley who died on Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

## MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS: October 1-29, 2017

Given to the Budget in Memory of

**Frank and Mary Claire Morton**

By Mike and Mary Lee

Given to the Budget in Honor of **Teresa Lee's Birthday**  
**Levi Lee's Birthday**

By Mike and Mary Lee

Given to the Youth in Honor of **Robert and Alli Wear**  
By Brent Atchley

Given to the Building Fund in Memory of **Dr. Lee Roy Dyer**  
By John and Carolyn Dobbs

Given to the Building Fund in Memory of **Shawn Stearley**  
By Camilla Hoffman Patrick

Given to the Holston United Methodist Home for Children  
in Memory of **George W. Posey III**

By Jay and Karen Ogle

Given to the Holston United Methodist Home for Children  
in Memory of **Edith H. Atchley Betty Louise Connatser**  
**Dr. Lee Roy Dyer Charley T. Elder**  
**Edward Fitzgerald Jewell F. Fox**  
**Edith M. Loveday Shirley H. Taylor**

By Bill and Carole Yett

Given to the Holston United Methodist Home for Children  
in Honor of **Jeanne Rawlings**

By Ken and Susan Cheek

## Prayer Concerns

Martin McMahan	Donna Huffaker	Doug Huffaker
Jenny Davenport	Mitzi Puckett	Ivan Reiff
Bobby Huff	Emma Atchley	Megan Wood
Debbie Unger	Myra Barrett	Dr. Suzanne South
Loris Ogle	Joe Foisset	Lisa Melton
Barbara DiBenedetto	Elise Tarwater	Doris Gainer
Allen Wendt	Tanner Cureton	Yvonne Broyles
Dixie Shults	Bob Goldsmith	Virginia Baxter
Emily Kile	Tommy Baker	Jedd Perl
Daniel Patrick	Monnie Carty	Mary Shell
James Magliato	Rhonda Stearley	Tatum Marshall
Kathy Phillips	Jim Miner	Debbie Jenkins
Larry Millitan	Ed Clark	Brynlee Roy

All our Armed Forces Personnel  
Police, Fire Fighters, Rescue Squad and Our Gatlinburg Friends

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL!

*Matthew 24 verse 40 KJV*

*"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."*

This Bible verse is on the sign in my front yard - This reminds us of what God is telling us to do - "Serving God by helping those less fortunate."

On Sept. 20th, The Youth, along with Pastor Jeff, went to Scott County and delivered two trailers filled with food, clothing, coats, school supplies and toiletry items. There was over three hundred people who received food and clothing that day.

On Oct. 14th, We had a big yard sale at the Church to raise money for the upcoming holidays - almost \$1,800 was raised - This money will be used to purchase ham's and turkey's for the families in Scott County during the holidays - All of this was made possible because of the love and generosity of everyone in the church.

I couldn't do it alone, but working together we are making a difference in so many people's lives. "Serving God by helping others."

Thank you and God bless you for everything you do. I am so blessed to be a small part of this church.

Love In Christ, Mary Patterson



## Wednesday Alive Menu for November and December

11/01 - **Adult Meal** - Pork loin, rice, green beans, rolls & dessert.

**Kids Meal** - Chicken tenders, tater tots, rolls & dessert.

11/08 - **Adult Meal** - Chicken pot pie, salad, rolls & dessert.

**Kids Meal** - Corn dogs, tater tots, rolls & dessert.

11/15 - **Adult Meal** - Sweet 'n sour pork, rice, salad, rolls & dessert.

**Kids Meal** - Chicken nuggets, tater tots, rolls & dessert.

11/29 - **Adult Meal** - Pulled pork BBQ, oven fries, green beans, rolls & dessert.

**Kids Meal** - Chicken tenders, tater tots, rolls & dessert.

12/06 - **Adult Meal** - Cranberry chicken, rice, carrots, rolls & dessert.

**Kids Meal** - Corn dogs, tater tots, rolls & dessert.

Dinner served from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

No charge, but love offering gratefully accepted.

Come and join us - everyone is welcome!

## From The Pastor's Desk

1 Thessalonians 5:18 *In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

Every year on Thanksgiving families gather around the TV to watch the various parades and football games. We gather with great anticipation for the upcoming feast. We talk about what we are thankful for catch up with what is going on in each other's lives and enjoy the company of family and friends. Thanksgiving is not just a wonderful holiday but a great attitude for us to have throughout the year. Paul tells the Church at Thessalonica to be thankful. Being thankful helps us be humble and keeps us from being arrogant. Henry Ward once said, "pride slays thanksgiving, but a humble mind is the soil out of which thanks naturally grows." We need to develop a thankful attitude towards God, God's blessings, family, friends, our nation, health and the list goes on. God has been so good to us. If we made a list of all of our blessings and a list of all our troubles and concerns, we will discover that our blessings outnumber our troubles every time. Instead of focusing and worry about our troubles, let us focus on Jesus and be thankful for all of the blessings God has poured out in our lives. Have a great Thanksgiving.

*Reverend Jeff Lambert*

## THANK YOU

Our church's booth at the Sevier County Fair was a great success this year thanks to the support of so many. Whether you contributed by your donations, time, or prayers, this was truly a church wide effort. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The final figures are in! Our gross receipts were \$16,284.96.  
Expenses (including pavilion fee) \$5,922.17.

**NET PROFIT: \$10,362.79.**

Your Fair Booth Committee.

## Thanksgiving Baskets-Trula Lawson School

We are asking for donations to feed families.

A basket needs to contain:

Ham - Mission committee to supply

Cranberry sauce - 1 can

Green Beans - 2 cans

Corn- 2 cans

Fruit Cocktail - 2 cans

Sweet potatoes ( or yams)- 2 cans

Instant Mash Potatoes - 1 box / 13.75 ounces Mac and

cheese - 2 boxes Rolls - 1 package Brownie Mix- 1

family size box

Deadline is **Sunday, November 19**. Items can be dropped in the Missions box in the Great Hall.