



THE SPIRIT

FOUNTAIN CITY UMC
JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear Church Family,

As we start the new year, we invite you to be in prayer. When we imagine the early settlers of this area some 200 years ago gathering to worship, I am certain prayer was central to their daily lives and rhythms. To honor the legacy of who we are, our worship themes in January will have a prayer focus. Each week, we will introduce practical and ancient ways to help guide you into deeper intimacy with God through the power of prayer.

- **January 5:** Arise and Shine: Seeking God's Guidance in Our Lives
- **January 12:** Fear Not: Praying For The Community
- **January 19:** Love Beyond Boundaries: The Power of Praying for Our Enemies
- **January 26:** Rooted and Rising: Praying for the Next Generation



As we arrive at our 200th anniversary as a church, let us reclaim the power of prayer in our individual lives and trust in the collective impact this has on all of us, our community, and the world.

Praying With You,
Pastor Don

How Did The Year End?

First of all thank you! At the time of printing, we are not certain how we ended the year financially. An update will be provided in the February newsletter. However, we have reason to believe that we ended the year strong. **Thank you church!**



North Knoxville Warming Center at Fountain City UMC

Sign up to join the volunteer movement! Our Warming Center is open on nights of frigid temperatures below 25 degrees. Volunteers will have a 3-day advance notification.

For more information or to volunteer, please check out our website with this QR code.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

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INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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Tom Harrington 865-687-9460
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Coffee & Fellowship On Sundays At The Welcome Center

Join us before or after worship! Stop by the Welcome Center from 8:15-11:15 a.m. and let us bless you! See you Sunday!

**WELCOME
CENTER**



**FOUNTAIN CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Pastors

Rev. Don Hanshew, Senior Pastor
Rev. Rachel Collins, Pastor of Discipleship

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pastor.rachel@fountaincityumc.org

Pastor On Call

text or call 865-689-7894
(After Hours & Weekends)

Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Discipleship
- 11:00 a.m. Journey Contemporary Service (Gym)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

Childcare & children's ministry are provided from 8:30 a.m. through the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. worship.

PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, AND WITNESS

OUR GIFTS:

WEEKLY OFFERING

Nov 11-17	\$36,844.00
Nov 18-24	\$20,256.88
Nov 25-Dec 1	\$20,620.00
Dec 2-8	\$52,874.89
Dec 9-15	\$30,855.00

FAITH PROMISE

Faith Promise Sunday is January 22. This month we highlight these Faith Promise partners: Society of St Andrew, Habitat for Humanity and Red Bird Mission



WEDNESDAY NIGHT *fellowship meal*

January Menu

- 15** Pork Loin, Oven Fried Potatoes, Coleslaw, Red Velvet Cake
- 22** King's Ranch Casserole, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Brownies
- 29** Baked Spaghetti, Green Beans, Salad, Cupcakes

Please register all those attending so we can be good stewards of the church's finances and reduce waste.

You can register on a pew pad in the notes section, by calling the church office at 865-689-5175 or by using this QR code.



The Kitchen Is Hot!

Thanks to the volunteers and anonymous donors who made the new burners come to life in December! They have been a great help with our food ministry!

January 2025 Calendar of Events

- January 1:** Father Daughter Dance Registration opens
- January 7:** Help Us Un-decorate the church
- January 12:** Senior High Youth Game Night
- January 15:** Fountain City Fellowship Returns
- January 15:** Back to Kids Club Snow Party
- January 15:** Youth Silent Karaoke Night
- January 15:** Parent & Student Meeting for Resurrection
- January 19:** No Youth activities in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 20:** Church Office is closed
- January 22:** Faith Promise Sunday
- January 24-26:** Resurrection for Youth Group in Pigeon Forge, TN

Un-decorating Time

Can you lend a hand? All those who can help take down our Christmas trees and other decorations, please come out for some fellowship and fun on January 7 at 10 a.m.

What Is That Beeping Sound On Sunday?

The short answer is that we have some faulty fire alarms that have aged out. They work for fire, but when it gets cold, they get "confused" and announce a trigger. We have been working with a provider to be the best stewards of our 20+ year-old system. You can silence one, but then another is glad to take its place. Ultimately, we have to replace the board and units, and thankfully, they will be installed in late January.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If Knox County Schools are closed for weather related concerns, all activities and meetings will be canceled. Cancellations of all worship services and weekend activities resulting from inclement weather will be made at the church's discretion. Notifications and updates will be posted on social media and Realm.

In addition, please use caution as our parking lots and sidewalks will not be cleared in time for morning activities if we have snow or ice overnight. In the unlikely event that we must cancel worship, please join us for worship online on our YouTube channel and for C.R. on Facebook Live.

**Fountain City Fellowship Winter Semester 2025
Dinner & Fellowship • 5:30 p.m
Programming • 6:30 p.m.**

2025 Discipleship Winter Semester at Fountain City Fellowship (FCF) is almost here! During the Winter and Spring Semesters, the common theme that we will share is expanding our faith through prayer. As the church immerses itself in our Bicentennial Celebration, it is crucial that our faith community is connected with what God envisions for Fountain City UMC going forward into this milestone year.

**FOUNTAIN CITY FELLOWSHIP
SPRING PROGRAMMING**

The most effective way to do this is being in conversation with God. But how do we make that an ongoing practice? Some of the ways in which you will explore that idea may be through sermons and FCF groups examining varied and effective ways to be in prayer. Even Sunday School classes will have an opportunity to delve into effective means of prayer as well.

God is, at times for us all, the important figure in your life who you haven't spoken with lately, but once the call is made, it is like no time at all has passed. God is present. We are the ones who become distracted, weary, perhaps even disengaged. There are many effective and beautiful ways to engage with God in communication. When we have the tools to make prayer a consistent part of our faith walk, we are equipped to steep ourselves and our church in prayer and connection with God. It's never too early to begin prioritizing conversation and listening time with God. As we enter into this new year let's begin the conversation!

Children & Youth Ministries

Our youth and children's ministries continue their vibrant programming this spring! From engaging lessons and exciting activities to opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship, there's something for everyone. We are looking forward to seeing your children and youth each week as we journey together in faith, friendship, and fun!

The Gifts of Imperfection

Jennifer Smith is leading a transformative six-week book study on Brene Brown's *The Gifts of Imperfection*. This inspiring book explores how to embrace authenticity, courage, and self-compassion by letting go of who we think we're supposed to be and accepting who we truly are. Rooted in principles that align with both our Christian faith and 12-step recovery programs, it offers a path to wholehearted living through gratitude, resilience, and meaningful connection. Together, we'll reflect on the ten guideposts for cultivating a life of purpose and joy. Whether you're on a recovery journey or seeking spiritual growth (or both), this study provides a supportive space to grow and thrive.

January 15-February 16

Season Two of The Chosen

Join in as this class follows Jesus and His disciples into season Two. Guided by a creative group of leaders, we will encounter miracles, a well-known sermon, and people who don't like Jesus. Come and see on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm, then stay for dinner.

January 15-April 30

The History of these Halls

History struggles with the question, "Where did we come from?" It can also help us understand where we are going. Led by retired Rev. Jim Dougherty and Rev. Don Hanshew, this class offers a vibrant blend of storytelling, historical insights, and engaging discussions. From early circuit riders braving the frontier to transformative community outreach, you'll explore our rich heritage through lively presentations and guest speakers. Discover how generations of faithful service shaped our church and continue to inspire us today. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, reflect, and become part of the ongoing story of what makes us FCUMC!

January 15-February 16

The Season of Lent

This Lent, join Pastor Rachel for an engaging study designed to deepen your faith and make space for meaningful reflection. Together, we'll explore themes of renewal, connection, and God's transformative love during this sacred season.

Whether through Scripture, discussion, or creative practices, this class offers a chance to journey alongside others and discover how the Lenten season invites us to grow in grace. No matter where you are in your faith, you're welcome here. Stay tuned for more details and bring a friend!

February 19-April 2

Prayer Beads and the Lenten Season

Join Melissa Charles and embark on a meaningful Lenten journey with *We Are Beloved: A Lenten Journey with Protestant Prayer Beads* by Kristen E. Vincent. This class will guide you in learning how to use prayer beads as a tool for reflection and connection, helping you draw closer to God during this sacred season. Together, we'll explore the themes of Lent with a few intentional stops along the way, creating space for prayer, self discovery, and renewal. Whether you're familiar with prayer beads or new to the practice, this is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith and embrace your identity as God's beloved. Cost: \$25 for materials.

February 19-April 9

Book Study for Connection

Looking for a short-term way to connect and grow in faith? Join this three-week book study that promises engaging conversation and fresh perspectives. Together, we'll dive into a book that inspires reflection, challenges our thinking, and draws us closer to God and one another. Whether you're a seasoned reader or just looking for a space to connect, this study offers a meaningful opportunity to learn and share. Stay tuned for the book announcement and details. This is a journey you won't want to miss!

April 9-30



Prayer and New History

Join Pastor Don and Pastor Rachel for a special class that bridges our church's rich history with a hopeful vision for the future. Building on the semester's themes of history and prayer, this class invites us to reflect on where we are now, pray for what's ahead, and dream boldly about the next chapter for FCUMC.

As we celebrate our 200th anniversary, this is a unique opportunity to merge our hopes and faith as a community. Let's come together to celebrate, pray, and envision what God has in store for us!

April 9-30

Scroggie Mission Endowment Fund

Lucy Scroggie had such a strong heart for mission work during her lifetime. Her attitude of service and generosity was evident in everything she touched, and her passion lives on today through the Scroggie Mission Endowment Fund.

Lucy passed away in 2007 at the age of 72, and in her death bequeathed Fountain City UMC a financial gift to fund missions. Through her endowment, she also bestowed our church the honor and privilege of granting what is now in the 17 years since her death, hundreds of thousands of dollars to charitable organizations in Knoxville and beyond.

The Scroggie Mission Endowment Committee is tasked with the thoughtful care of stewarding Lucy's generosity. Through a formal grant process, the committee considers the submitted applications to ensure Lucy's heart for missions is well represented by her dollars. As a church, we have born witness to the ripples of Lucy's legacy, the deep meaning and faith of her life still creating waves beyond her death.



If you would like to find out more about the Scroggie Mission Endowment fund, or know a fantastic organization that would benefit, please reach out to church office at (865) 689-5175 or to Walter Buttram, Scroggie Committee Chair. For guidelines for this fund or to fill out an application, please check out our website using this QR code.



UMCOR Early Response Team Information

Mission: Provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of a disaster.

Role of Early Response Team (ERT):

- Provide a Christian presence
- Take steps to prevent further damage
- Manage donated materials, gather information, and understand community needs
- Observe survivor's needs, and report to local operations team
- Be part of a caring ministry of "listeners" who help in the healing process
- DO NO HARM which requires ERT leader permission and homeowner's written permission before work can be done
- ERT only performs work at the relief stage (ie. debris removal, mold remediation, placing tarps on building, etc.) and nothing more

How Does It Work:

- The ERT Team will consist of certified personnel who understand the process with specific roles and responsibilities assigned as needed
- Only certified personnel will work on a project although each ERT can bring two uncertified people to help on a project
- Project will last three days
- All workers are advised how to respond to the survivors as it can be a delicate situation, and will be done in Christian love
- More certification training will be made available for those interested in working as an ERT member

Scope of Disaster Example: Newport has about 400 homes with some level of damage.

For more information contact:

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Volunteers Needed For Early Response Team Upcoming Project

Project Location: Corryton, TN

Timeline: Late January or Early February

Project Details: House Rebuild. This home was severely damaged by Helene and has been approved for the team to coordinate repairs and rebuild.

Contact Information: If you are interested, please contact Kurt Wiberley; Team Coordinator at 865-313-3295 or kwiberley@mac.com.

More details coming soon!



Jubilation 2025: Legacy is an enriching Holston Conference event taking place March 3-5, 2025, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Pigeon Forge, TN. Held annually in spring, this gathering offers senior adults (age 55+), an opportunity for fellowship, worship, and discipleship.

This year, Jubilation includes a pre-conference session, *Dare to Shift*, on Monday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., led by Rev. Dr. Stephen Handy. Known for his dynamic and inclusive approach to ministry, Rev. Dr. Handy will guide participants through principles from his book, *Dare to Shift*, focusing on fresh perspectives in leadership. This session is open to everyone and is \$20, which includes lunch.

The main event kicks off Monday evening, at 6:30 p.m., with an ice cream social, followed by music from the East Tennessee group *Pistol Creek Catch of the Day*. Tuesday and Wednesday will feature sessions with Rev. Dr. Handy on legacy-building through abundance and community impact. In addition to Rev. Dr. Handy, there will be activities like bingo, workshops, and storytelling by Rev. Charles Maynard. Jubilation concludes by noon on Wednesday with worship and the imposition of ashes, marking the start of the Lenten season. To learn more and see the event schedule, please visit <https://www.holston.org/event/jubilation-2025-18745521>.

Register >>



YOUTH MINISTRY

January Events

January 12: Senior High Game Night

January 15: Parent & Student Meeting for Resurrection
(Wednesday night)

January 22: Wednesday Night Lesson

January 29: Fountain City Fellowship Groups

January 15: Silent Karaoke Night (Wednesday night)

January 19: No activities in observation of Martin
Luther King Jr. Day

January 23-26: Resurrection

Resurrection 2025

*Worship and spiritual growth event
for youth and youth mentors*



WHEN: January 24-26 at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge
WHO: Any student in grades 6th - 12th (and parent volunteers!)
LODGING: Splash Mountain Cabin in Sevierville, TN
WORSHIP: FRVR FREE

Resurrection is an annual event of worship and spiritual growth for youth and youth mentors. Each year, over 12,000 individuals come together to celebrate the God of The Resurrection. Inspirational words and music led by nationally known speakers and musicians, lead young people to encounter the Lord in new and deeper ways. FRVR FREE is leading worship again this year.

Students in 6th-12th grades are invited to register for Resurrection. We will stay at Splash Mountain Cabin in Sevierville, TN. The total cost per student is \$200 which includes lodging, food, and entertainment. Please

pay the \$50 deposit at the time of registration and the remaining balance is due on January 20, 2025. There is a discount for families with multiple students. Partial & full scholarships are available, just ask Miss Donna about it! Register with this QR code >>



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Back to Kids Club Snow Party on January 15

Our Wednesday night Fountain Kids Club will resume on January 15 and we will kick things off with a snow party! Fountain Kids and Fountain Littles will come together from 6:30-7:30 p.m. following the 5:30 p.m. fellowship meal.

Fountain Kids Sunday Schedule

Fountain Kids Sunday School • 9:45 a.m.

Fountain Kids Bible Experience • 11 a.m.

Fountain Littles Sunday School • 9:45 a.m.

Fountain Littles Childcare • 11 a.m.



Father Daughter Dance February 8 • FCUMC Gym

Register at fountaincityum.org

It's that time of year again! Time for fathers and daughters to spend the evening dancing, crafting and making special memories.

Registration is open and this event always sells out so register today! Register >>



OUR PRESENCE
Celebrating With Our Church Family

Our church family continues to grow!
Please join us in celebrating the following blessing!

Welcome to new church members,
Harold & Sharon Jennings, who joined our church family
on December 15, 2024 in the Journey. Welcome!



January 8-April 2, 2025
10 am-12 pm

It hurts to lose someone. Find help at GriefShare, a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences.

You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Contact Dixie at bopp.dixie@gmail.com or 865-599-2030 with questions.

Register >>



A Friendly Reminder



TAKE
your keys



LOCK
your vehicle



HIDE
your valuables

in our parking lots

ON THE COVER

Flowers blooming in snow symbolize hope, resilience, and new beginnings.

If you would like to see one of your photos grace the cover of a future *The Spirit*, email kathleen.bloom@fountaincityumc.org.

IN MEMORY & IN HONOR

Choir Fund

In Honor of Charles Harrington by Rick Harrington
In Honor of Rob Sterling by Mark Biagi
In Memory of Jerry Griffey by Phillip & Beth Ellis, and Lee & Susan Iglehart
In Memory of Kathy Harrington by Rick Harrington

General Fund

In Memory of Fred Graves by Phillip & Beth Ellis, Mark Biagi, David Burkey, Gary & Sandy Cannon, Holston Conference, Woody & Kathy Farrell, Harold & Dottie Loy, Elizabeth Morton, SEJ Bishops of the UMC, RB & Susan Schumpert, Dolores Smith, W. Warren & Mary Jo Plowden, Grant & Oketha Parker, KY Annual Conference - UMC, R. Lawson & Sherrill Bryan, Bishop Lindsey & Jennifer Davis, Claire Bowen, and Adams & Plucker CPA
In Memory of Jerry Griffey by McSwain-Evans Funeral Home
In Memory of Richard Sawyer by Larry & Alta Huskey, and Pairs & Spares Class

Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Fred Graves by Ruthie McLeod
In Memory of Gary Masterson by Phillip & Beth Ellis
In Memory of Richard Sawyer by Mark Biagi

Sound & Tape

In Honor of Multimedia Team by Martha Routh

UMCOR

In Memory of Fred Graves by Wanda Majors

Upper Room Devotionals

In Honor of Bill Addonizio by Tom Cloud

Celebrate Recovery

In Memory of Fred Graves by Shirley Black

Faith Promise for Missions

In Memory of Fred Graves by Mike and Lisa Compton
In Memory of Jerry Griffey by Mike and Lisa Compton

We We Offer Our Sympathy To

Jetta Hueser in the death of her husband, and David, Jeff, and Tom Hueser in the death of their brother, Mike Hueser, on December 12, 2024.