

The Link: Connected in Christ

August 2024



Our Mission: “Bring People to Christ”

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Church Service Times

**Saturday Chapel
Worship 5:00 PM,
In-person worship**

**Sunday Sanctuary
Worship 9:30 AM,
In-person worship**

**Sunday Children's
Church 10 AM**

**Live Worship
Streamed Online
Sunday 9:30 AM via
YouTube and KNIA**

**Radio Worship
Worship with us via
the radio at 1320 AM,
95.3 FM or 94.3 FM at
9:30 AM on Sundays**

GREETINGS IN CHRIST

It's been nearly a month since I arrived in Knoxville. As I've begun to settle in, I've started to appreciate the unique charm of this town. Yet, I still feel like a newcomer, a guest. But I'm hopeful that in time, this town will also become my home.



I want to acknowledge all of you who helped VBS and Ragbrai. Thanks to you all who did a great job serving God and our neighbors, especially our little friends.

There is a saying in Africa: *"If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together"* (African Proverbs). I want to go with

people in Knoxville and nearby towns. Not only because I would like to go far but also because being together with people was a part of Jesus' Ministry. Jesus invited all sinners. People who are on earth are all sinners. Jesus sat with sinners and ate together with them.

Knoxville First United Methodist Church is where we feel Jesus by welcoming, loving, and caring for each other. The word, Church means a group of people who believe in Jesus Christ. We are the places where people around us should feel Jesus' welcome, love, and care.

Now, I am with the sermon series, Parables of Jesus. Until the middle of September, I will go with the parables of Jesus. These parables will give us great insights and lessons. So far, I have shared about the lost sheep and coin. This coming Sunday (July 28), I will preach about "The Prodigal Son."

Sermon Series: Parables of Jesus

The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin (Luke 15:1-10)

Lost Sun (Luke 15:11-32)

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Mustard Seed (Mark 4:30-32, Matthew 13:31-32, Luke 13:18-19)

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)

The Laborers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16)

The Widow and the Judge (Luke 18:1-8)

The Rich and Lazarus (Luke 19:19-31)

Still, there are many people I have yet to meet. So, I hope you come to church on Sunday with your family members, friends, and neighbors. Come! Let's go Together!

Blessings,
Pastor Jaeseong Lee

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Pancakes at the Armory During Nationals

Event Dates: Wednesday, August 7th through Saturday, August 10th

Shifts: Two shifts each day, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sign-Up: Sign-up sheets are available in the church entryway.

Sign-Up or for Questions:

- o Email Kay Jensen: jensenk@iowatelecom.net
- o Call Kay's cell: 641-891-7387. Do not leave a message at this number.
- o Or text to sign up.

To Leave a Message for Kay:

- o Call Kay's home phone: 641-842-5325.

Parking: Enter from highway 14, go to the north side of Armory building, proceed to the east side of building to park on the new cement lot. (Less dust!)

Come to welcome guests to Knoxville at our shared Rotary/Methodist Church project. We train & have a variety of jobs for people. We have fun!! If you have any further questions, feel free to reach out to Kay.

Volunteers Needed:

Our fall programs are just around the corner, and I am looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Children's Church
- Family Events – such as game night, trivia, bingo, fall fest, Halloween/Fall party, Bikes & Trikes night, etc.
- Children's Christmas Pageant

If you feel called to help in any of these areas, please contact Lauren Petersen. It takes a village to make these ministries possible and bring God to the next generation!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

The end of summer is just around the corner. I can't hardly believe it and am not sure where the last couple of months have gone. We have had a very successful and fun summer here at FUMC with our Youth Outings, VBS, and Pathfinders BBQ. Our fall schedule will be posted in the first half of August. I am excited to kick off Children's Church, Youth Group, and Pathfinders again! If you are interested in volunteering for any of these activities, please let me know. We can always use great volunteers to help with our CYF programs! If you have any questions, please contact me at lpetersen@kfumc.com.

Living Way Youth Meetings

- Summer Youth Group
 - August 14th, BBQ

Watch your emails for RSVP dates and details on our summer Youth Group gatherings.

VBS By The Numbers:

- 88 Kids Through the Door
- 52 volunteers
- 300 Meals Served
- 250+ items donated
- \$515 raised for the Food Bank of Iowa

Thank you to everyone who donated items, volunteered, and helped spread the word about our VBS. This year we had a hugely successful VBS with a fast, fun-filled, 3 days. I am so incredibly thankful for the support of our church family that comes together each year to make this event possible. We could not do it without you. You are positively impacting the next generation and helping bring Christ into their lives!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Blessings, Lauren

PRESCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

It is already back to school time and soon little ones will again fill the halls of KFUMC. The preschool could use donations of items off the attached list to help us get back to school. As always you may either drop off supplies to the church office or give monetarily through the church to the preschool. We greatly appreciate the love and support that the KFUMC congregation gives to MSPS!!

Montgomery Street Preschool Donation List for the 2024/2025 School Year:

- 5 oz dixie cups
- 100% Juice bottles
- Seventh Generation Disinfectant Spray
- Clorox/Lysol wipes
- Markers (washable 8 or 10 count, fine tip & normal)
- Thin paper plates both large and small
- Paper towels
- All purpose cleaner
- Napkins
- Liquid Hand Soap Refills
- Nilla Wafers or Graham crackers
- Animal crackers
- Goldfish/Cheezit crackers
- Canned fruit or applesauce

Jesus said “Let the little children come to me and do not forbid them...” Matthew 19:14



MONTGOMERY STREET PRESCHOOL

Fried Chicken Fundraiser

Thursday, September 19
4:30 -6:30 pm



Only
\$13 per
meal

Dinner includes: 2 pieces of
chicken,
2 sides and a roll

Cash or check only.
Checks payable to
MSPS

Tickets available at the following locations starting August 25

Montgomery Street Preschool
First United Methodist Church
Cairn Yoga & Wellness and Adalily Photography

Save the date for a great meal on September 19! MSPS will be having a chicken dinner fundraiser on Thursday, September 19 from 4:30 until 6:30. Tickets will be \$13 per meal. Tickets will be available starting Sunday, August 25 at church.

A BLESSING SHARED IS A BLESSING DOUBLED



"Instead of shame, you will receive a double portion and rejoice in your inheritance" --Isaiah 61:7

Have you ever felt that you have received a double blessing? There are days that people have told me that they have been doubly blessed. Twice blessed! I am so thankful to God when people are doubly blessed. I, too, have received double blessings, most recently with two accepting, sharing, and loving Pastors. It is August, and Pastor Jae and Eunju have been with us a month now. Before him, we were blessed with Pastor Jamie and Leslie. It has been a pleasure to serve our Knoxville First United Methodist Church with both of these pastors. Of course, each pastor shares his unique talents and skill sets in ministry. My double blessing is the love, kindness, acceptance, and appreciation both Pastor Jae and Pastor Jamie have shown me as part of a team. I love serving God with our church family and both Pastor Jae and Pastor Jamie have mentored me and shared their faith with me, along with sharing church responsibilities. As your associate pastor, I appreciate sharing in ministering with our church family. It has been a wonderful experience, and I feel doubly blessed. Thank you, Pastor Jae and Pastor Jamie, and may you too, be doubly blessed! With Christ's love, see you in church!

---Pastor Brent

The most up-to-date calendar information can always be found on our website at <https://www.kfumc.com/calendar!>

August 2024



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