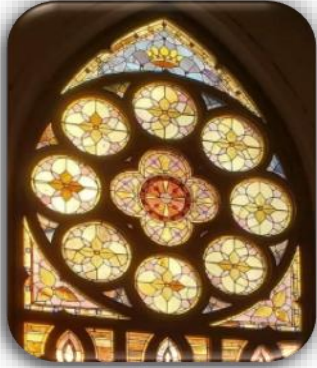


The Link: Connected in Christ September 2024



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**

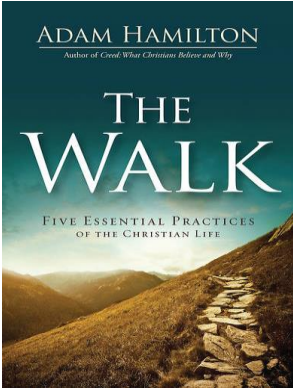
**Radio Worship
Worship with us via
the radio at 1320 AM,
95.3 FM or 94.3 FM at
9:30 AM on Sundays**

Greetings in Christ!



May God bless you and your family in this season. Since school started, all the students have returned and started learning new things. It is a new season for our young generations to learn and grow. As they embark on this journey, let us remember that we are on a shared journey of spiritual growth. Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 says we have seasons according to God’s plan. We are now entering the Fall. This time is short but essential for crops to be ripe. Then, all the crops will be ready for harvest soon.

Spiritually, we also need to grow continually, becoming more like Christ. To grow as believers, we need to learn about God and build a relationship with God.



After I finish the Parables of Jesus sermon series, I will go with a **new sermon series, “The Walk”** by Adam Hamilton. This will provide the essential things to grow as believers. A Sermon Series: **The Walk**; Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life

- 1) Worship and prayer: A Living Hallelujah
- 2) Study: The Importance of Listening and Paying Attention
- 3) Serve: Here I Am, Lord, Send Me
- 4) Give: Where Your Treasure Is
- 5) Share: Going Fishing, Reflecting Light
- 6) The Five Practices from the Cross

I would like to have the **Bible study** with "The Walk," too. We will go through the essential things for Christians. **The Bible Study starts on Tuesday, September 24, at 6 p.m.** The **sign-up sheet** will be in the Narthex on Sunday.

Secondly, I would like to thank the Cooking for Cause Team for serving the community on the last Wednesday of August. The meal was delicious! The team served over 120 people that day, and it was a pleasant time for everyone. It was a church; all gathered and shared meals in the love of Christ. This was like a communion Jesus had with his followers and the communion that the early church had. I want all of you to come and join this holy meal and fellowship in the love of Christ!

Lastly, I am grateful for being one of your Pastors. Thank you all for your hard work in God's Ministry!

Blessings,

Pastor Jaeseong Lee

WE ARE THE CHURCH!

Rally Day

- Whole Church Photo
- Contemporary Service with Dramas & Special Music
- Immediately Followed by Special Events in Fellowship Hall:
 - Brunch Potluck (please bring a dish to share)
 - Intergenerational Board Games (bring a favorite board game to share if you would like)
 - Bingo (bring one gently used item per person as a bingo prize to share)



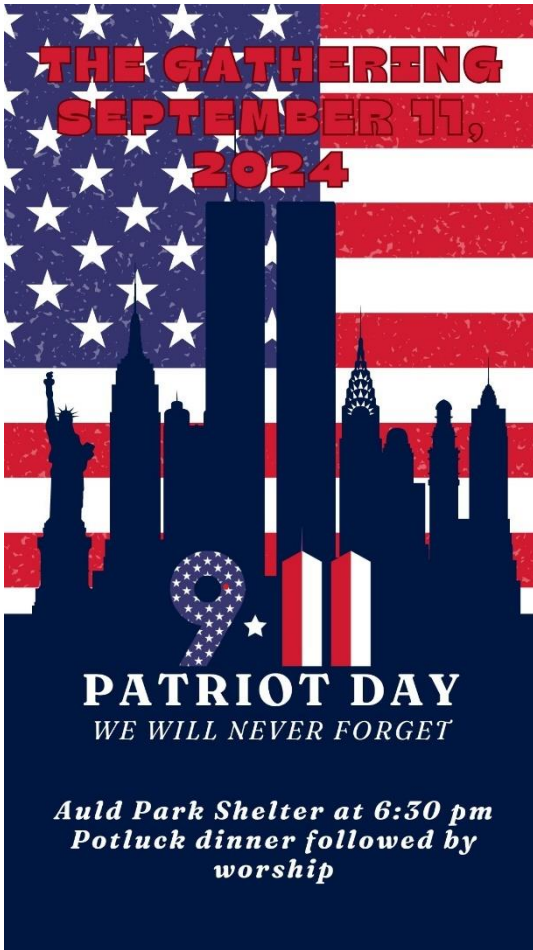
Knoxville FUMC

313 East Montgomery, Knoxville

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

@ 9:30

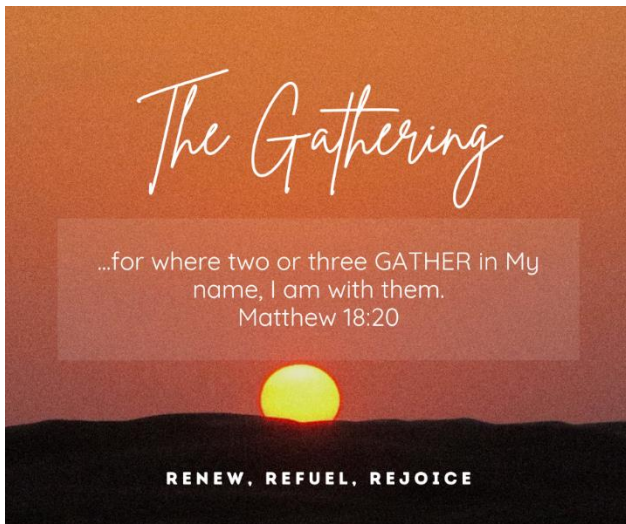
Free Drinks & Ice Cream provided along with Fun,
Fellowship and Friendship for ALL!



The Gathering

September 11th – 6:30pm at Auld Park, POTLUCK

Additional Dates:



September 25th – 6:30pm in the Chapel
October 9th – 6:30pm in the Chapel
October 23rd - 6:30pm in the Chapel
November 6th - 6:30pm in the Chapel
November 20th - 6:30pm in the Chapel
December 4th - 6:30pm in the Chapel
December 18th – 6:30pm in the Chapel

SAVE THE DATES!

09/19

Chicken dinner fundraiser pickup for Montgomery Street Preschool (4:30-6:30 p.m. @ Circle Drive, KFUMC)

09/21-
09/22

New sermon series begins "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton begins with bible study on Tuesday evenings

09/25

Free Community Meal - Cooking for a Cause (5:00-6:30 p.m. @ Fellowship Hall, Downstairs KFUMC)

10/06

Church at the park with BBQ Contest (10:30 a.m. @ Marion County Park, Shelter 4)

10/12

Fall Harvest Dinner (5:00-6:30 p.m. @ Fellowship Hall, Downstairs KFUMC)

10/25

Trunk or Treat Trick or Treating at KFUMC (5:00-7:00 p.m. @ KFUMC Front Parking Area & Lawn)

10/30

Free Community Meal - Cooking for a Cause (5:00-6:30 p.m. @ Fellowship Hall, Downstairs KFUMC)

Donation Opportunities

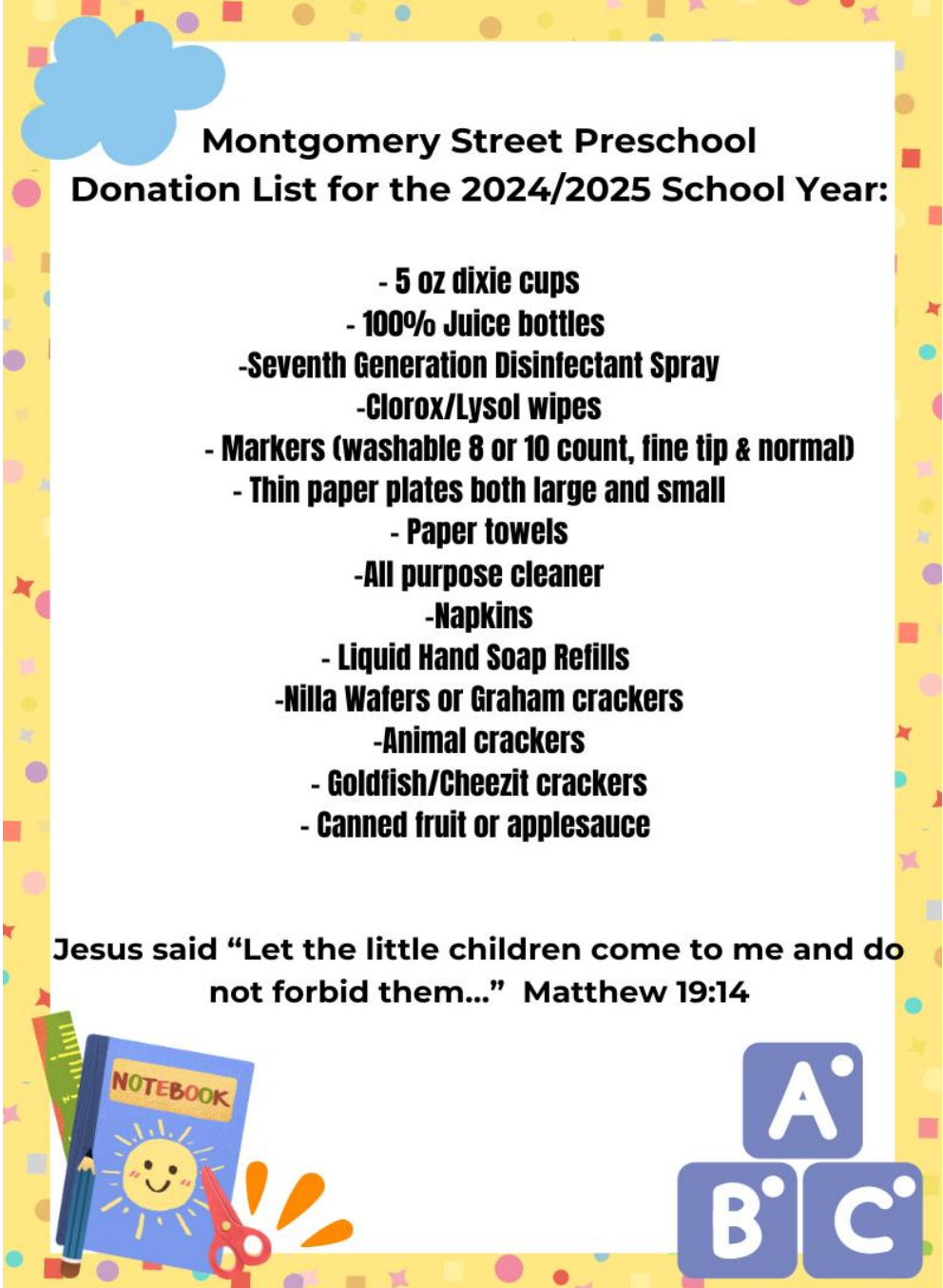
Hospitality Treats

We have 8 Sundays open for bringing treats for hospitality on Sunday mornings. The following dates are open November 10, Nov 17, Nov 24, December 1, Dec 8, Dec 15, Dec 22 & Dec 29. Please sign up for a Sunday if you are able.

This can be a homemade or store-bought treat. You need 4 dozen of whatever treat you want to share. Bring them to the narthex on Sunday morning by 9 am. We have lots of awesome treat makers in our midst and this is an easy way to share your time, talents and treasures. The sign up sheet is on a table in the narthex. Thank You

Montgomery Street Preschool Supplies

Classes at MSPS started on September 3. 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

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Happenings

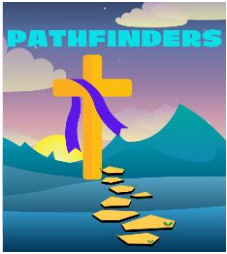
School has started and we are getting ready to begin our fall programming. I am very excited about the programs we will be offering this fall as we will have something for everyone from preschool through seniors in high school. If you have any questions on any of our upcoming programming, please contact me at lpetersen@kfumc.com.

Children's Church



Children's Church will begin on Sunday, September 15th and will be from 10-10:30am (right after Children's Time). Our curriculum is designed for preschool and early elementary kids. This year we will be using the Deep Blue curriculum from Cokesbury. Each Sunday kids will learn about a bible story through games, crafts, videos, activities, and more!

Pathfinders



This group of 3rd-5th graders will meet every Tuesday beginning October 15th through November 19th from 3:30-5pm. We have transportation available to pick up the kids from Northstar Elementary and bring them to the church. Our lessons focus on a range of fun activities including bible stories, devotions, games, team building, service, and more. This is open to any 3rd – 5th graders, encourage your kids to invite a friend! Please let me know if your child will attend by September 27th so we can plan for transportation. Register here: <https://forms.gle/ZksA55M1bmLzjtUN6>

Living Way Youth Group



Our Youth Group is comprised of youth grades 6-12. They will meet on the first and third Sunday of the month from 5-7pm. Our Living Way Youth will enjoy team building, games, devotions, and more!

- September 15th, 5-7pm - Youth Kickoff BBQ at Marion County Park

For a complete listing of program dates and details, visit our website at <https://kfumc.com/childrens-youth-and-families/> and follow us on Facebook.

Blessings,
Lauren

Preschool News and Updates

Montgomery Street Preschool
Presents:

Cater2U2 Fried Chicken

FUNDRAISER



Join us for a Cater2U2 Chicken
(formerly Thelma's) fundraiser.

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

First United Methodist Church
313 E. Montgomery Street in Knoxville

Pick up in the circle drive on
Montgomery Street use 4th street
entrance

\$13 *Dinner includes:*
2 pieces of chicken,
2 sides and a roll

Tickets available at the following locations:
Montgomery Street Preschool
First United Methodist Church
Cairn Yoga & Wellness and Adalily Photography
Ramaeker Screen Printing
Spire Drink Co.
Leighton State Bank-Knoxville

Cash or check only. Checks payable to MSPS

Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner!!

Help support MSPS while having a night off from cooking!! Thursday, September 19 from 4:30 until 6:30, MSPS will be hosting a chicken dinner by Cater2U2 (Formerly Thelma's). Tickets are \$13 per meal for 2 pieces of chicken, 2 sides, roll and cookie. Tickets will be available at church on September 1, 8, and 15.

Nothing Is Possible Without Jesus



Understand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to fulfill them. I assure you, until heaven and earth disappear, even the smallest detail of God's law will remain until its purpose is achieved. So if you break the smallest commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God's laws and teaches them will be great in the kingdom of Heaven. But, I warn you—unless you obey God better than the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, do, you can't enter the Kingdom of Heaven at all.

--Matthew 5:17-20

In this message, Jesus set the bar impossibly high for us. Just why would Jesus tell us that we have to do the impossible? Well, without Jesus, entering the Kingdom of Heaven, is of course, impossible. The point is that attaining eternal life is impossible for us to do on our own. We can't go it alone. God sent his Son, to Bethlehem and then Jesus willingly died upon the cross, to do for us what we are unable to do for ourselves. Therefore, mission: impossible. If it were possible to do on our own, then God wouldn't have sacrificed his Son, Jesus Christ, to achieve what we could have done alone, on our own. God's plan of Salvation, through our believing in Jesus, changes the mission from impossible to possible. Salvation is the ultimate gift from God. It is up to us individually to accept the gift and make God's eternal gift complete.

We continue to share the message of God's plan of salvation in our worship, and through our missions here at First UMC. May God bless each of our activities and may we continue to reach out and bring people to Christ. God bless you, and see you Sunday! ----Pastor Brent

September 2024



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11 AM Chapel Reserved			6:30 PM Praise Team Practi			
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