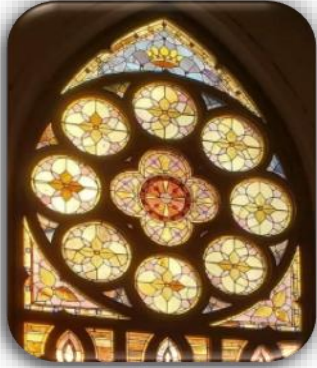


The Link: Connected in Christ

October 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**

God is Good All the Time!



Greetings in the love of Christ! The vibrant colors of fall are upon us, transforming our fields into a beautiful tapestry that reminds us of God’s unwavering faithfulness. Just as the season shifts, God provides us exactly what we need, guiding us toward the best in our lives.

Join Us on a Journey of Faith

I invite you to embark on an inspiring journey with our sermon series, *The Walk*. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to deepen our connection with God

through daily practices of worship, prayer, study, service, giving, and sharing. As I mentioned in our first sermon, let’s make prayer a part of our daily rhythm—take a moment to pray five times each day: when you wake up, at each meal, and before you sleep. Together, let’s draw closer to Christ and strengthen our faith as a community.

Church at the Park: A Celebration of Community

Mark your calendars for October 6! We’re hosting our Church at the Park picnic—a chance to worship and enjoy each other’s company in the great outdoors. Join us at 10:30 a.m. at Marion County Park (Shelter 4). One of our members will greet you at the park’s entrance, ready to welcome you to a day filled with fellowship and joy.

As your pastor, I deeply desire for each of you to feel the warmth of our church community as we gather as the Body of Christ. This picnic is a perfect opportunity to connect, share stories, and build relationships. Remember, your presence matters; each of us plays a vital role in our congregation.

A Heartfelt Thank You

I want to express my gratitude for your generous offerings. Thanks to your support, we're in a better financial position than over the summer. Your contributions enable us to share the love of Christ with our neighbors and continue God's ministry in our community.

Let's continue to walk together in faith, supporting one another as we grow closer to God and to each other. I look forward to seeing you at the park!

In love, Pastor Jaeseong Lee

SAVE THE DATES!

10/06

Church at the Park with Potluck & Smoked Meat Contest (10:30 a.m. @ Marion County Park, Shelter 4) **NO 9:30 SERVICE AT THE CHURCH THIS DAY**

10/09

The Gathering Worship Service (6:30 p.m. @ Chapel)

10/12

Fall Harvest Ham Ball Dinner Fundraiser - Menu: Ham Balls, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Pie, Roll & Drink (5:00-7:00 p.m. @ Fellowship Hall, Lower Level KFUMC)

10/23

The Gathering Worship Service (6:30 p.m. @ Chapel)

10/25

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

10/27

Return Your Estimated Giving Cards for 2025 at Church Service and Annual Charge Conference @ 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

10/30

Free Community Meal - Menu: Spaghetti, Lettuce Salad, Garlic Bread, Cookies & Drink (5:00-6:30 p.m. @ Fellowship Hall, Downstairs KFUMC)

CHURCH EVENTS

OCTOBER 6TH

Join Us For

CHURCH AT THE PARK



Worship

We will have a short worship service from 10:30-11am. Bring your own lawn chair! (**No worship service at the church this day.**)



Smoked Meats Competition

It's your time to shine! Sign up for our Smoke Meats Competition and prepare your favorite smoked cut to share with others.

- The congregation will get a chance to sample your product and vote for their favorites. Must provide enough for 10 full servings.



Picnic Potluck

Bring your favorite side /and/or dessert to share as we enjoy a fun picnic lunch along with the smoked meats competition. Hot dogs, drinks, napkins, paper plates, cups, and plastic cutlery provided!

SCHEDULE

10:30 - Worship

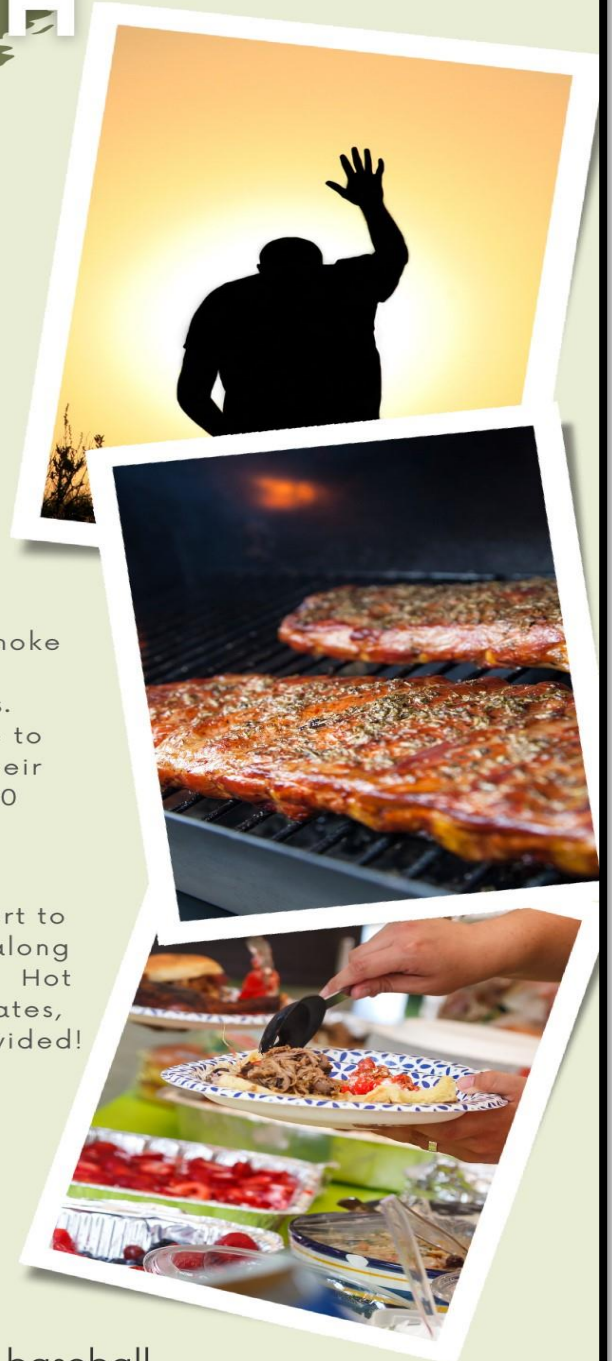
11:15 - Picnic & Competition

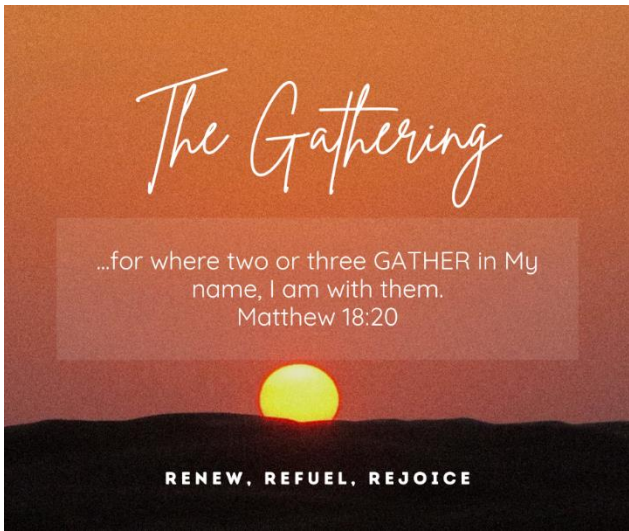
Games & Fellowship during picnic!



**Marion County Park, Shelter 4
(306 Willets Drive, Knoxville)**

On the backside of the park by the baseball fields/new playground & shelter.





The Gathering

...for where two or three GATHER in My name, I am with them.
Matthew 18:20

RENEW, REFUEL, REJOICE

The Gathering Worship Services

Dates:

- 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



KNOXVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HARVEST DINNER

OCTOBER 12, 2024

5:00 - 7:00 PM

FREE WILL DONATION

HAM BALLS, CHEESY POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, SALAD, PIE, ROLL

PROCEEDS TO MONTGOMERY STREET PRESCHOOL AND THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

KFUMC - Peter Paul & Pickleball Tournament!!

KFUMC

Pickleball Tournament



**October 19, 2024
8am**

Please spread the word KFUMC is hosting fun-filled pickleball tournament **October 19, 2024, starting at 8 AM!** We will host a **mixed doubles, double elimination tournament** on our beautiful outdoor courts. This is a random draw for partners, so it's all about fun and bragging rights!

Details:

- **Date & Time:** October 19, 2024, at 8 AM
- **Location:** KFUMC Outdoor Courts
- **Registration Fee:** \$25.00 per person (includes a t-shirt)
- **Registration Deadline:** October 12, 2024

To register, call **641-842-3712** or email dgreiner@kfumc.com. Come join us for a day of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition! Share this and invite everyone to join in the fun! 🎾😊

We are the **CHURCH**



Estimated Giving Cards

It's that time of the year! Soon, you will be receiving in the mail, an estimated giving card with a letter from the Pastors. This is a time for you to think about your giving for 2025. We want to thank you for your continued support! These cards will be part of the Consecration Services on Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27 2024.

Annual Charge Conference

Knoxville First United Methodist Church 2024 Annual Charge Conference is October 27, 2024 @ 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary.

Cooking for a Cause – Community Meal

We want to thank everyone for your efforts to get the word out about this ministry! Attendance has been awesome! We have listed the planned schedule of meals through August of 2025. Please share this with everyone you know!

Here is the schedule: All of these meals include delicious cookies made by our sisters in Christ at Pershing Zion Methodist Church and a drink.

October 30, 2024 - 5 pm - Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread and salad

November - no cooking for a cause meal at the end of the month

December 25, 2024 - Please join us at 12 noon for a meal and Birthday celebration for Jesus Christ including a birthday cake!

January 29, 2025 - 5 pm - Breakfast for supper
- Pancakes, sausage, bacon, milk and orange juice

February 26, 2025 - 5 pm - Join us for warm bowl of broccoli cheddar soup or chill and cornbread

March 26, 2025 - 5 pm - Beefburgers, mac and cheese, and baked beans (Spoiler alert: this is a Lenten meal)

April 30, 2025 - 5 pm - Ham Balls, cheesy potatoes, and green beans

May 28, 2025 - 5 pm - Savory Breakfast casserole, cinnamon rolls, and fruit

June 25, 2025 - 5 pm - Chicken tetrazzini, lettuce salad, and rolls

July 30, 2025 - 5 pm - Picnic on the lawn, hamburgers, hotdogs, corn on the cob, and chips

August 27, 2025 - 5 pm - Baked Potato bar, ham, bacon, cheese, and onions



VOLUNTEER & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Funeral Luncheon Workers & Donations Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help work at and provide salads or bars for funeral luncheons. If you can assist, please contact Kitty Shepherd at wkshepherd@iowatelecom.net or **891-7590**. If you are currently on our volunteer list and feel that you can no longer help, please let Kitty know. Thank you for your support and generosity.



Christmas Eve Drama

Calling all those that may be interested in helping with the Christmas Eve Drama. Please let the office know if you are willing to act, direct, or help make props for this important church event. More information will be coming soon on the play and the parts that will be needed.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Fall is here and it is my favorite season. We are excited about our programs and events we have scheduled for this fall. If you have any questions on any of our upcoming programming, please contact me at lpetersen@kfumc.com.

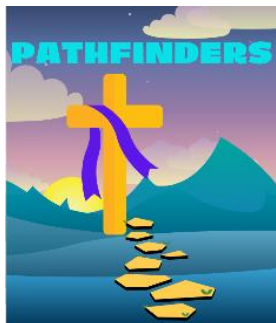


Children's Church

Children's Church is from 10-10:30am (after the Children's Message) each Sunday EXCEPT the 1st Sunday of the month. 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!

- November 27th, Pie Baking, Time TBA

Trunk or Treat

Join us for our Trunk or Treat event on October 25th from 5-7pm. This will be a fun event for the whole family and is open to everyone.

If you are interested in hosting a trunk or a game, contact Lauren at lpetersen@kfumc.com.

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 Petersen





PRESCHOOL NEWS

The school year is off to a great start! We are learning and having fun and getting into our routines. Painting, building, and playing outside are our favorite things to do!



Thank You

 Thanks to everyone that enjoyed the chicken dinner fundraiser! Your support of our preschool program is greatly appreciated!! 

Preschool Wrapping Paper and Christmas Fundraiser

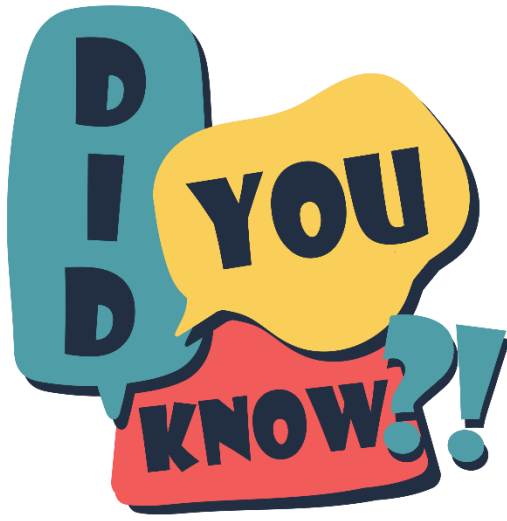
Introducing our
2024 FALL FUNDRAISER!

Back by popular demand is the wrapping paper and Christmas goodie fundraiser through Charleston Wrap. All orders are taken online but if you need help just ask Katie. Also there will be a catalog available to view in the church office. The link to the sale is listed below.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Did you Know???



Did you know the Peter Paul & Pickleball started with about 6 people and has grown to 30 people?

Did you know we play year-round?

Did you know we have a Facebook group called Peter Paul & Pickleball?

Did you know that all the improvements made to the Family Life Center and the courts were funded with, New Ministry Funds and Knoxville City Facade Grants, not the General fund?

Did you know:

We have been gathering and playing for 2 1/2 years.

We have a text message system of notification of play times.

The group includes people from all parts of Knoxville and the surrounding areas.

It's called a Fresh Expression ministry because it's not held in the church, but outside the walls of the traditional church.

We have played, prayed, grieved, celebrated with each other.

This group, is a church family. They have worked hard to lift each

other up and lend support to each other through the ups and downs of daily life.

We also worked hard to make this sport possible in our community and therefore have been a positive influence in Knoxville!

This group cleaned and painted the interior of the Family Life Center.

We researched, planned, and provided the labor to make the beautiful pickleball courts at 123 S 4th street happen when Knoxville didn't have any pickleball courts.

It was a labor of love and every member of Peter Paul & Pickleball helped in some way.

We applied for the Knoxville Facade grants for businesses around the square and received grants twice to help off set the costs.

We did the applied the brick facade at the family life center, none of us had ever done a project like that and God sent us an angel to help us make it happen and be done right!

We scraped and painted the interior of the Memorial Hall building; we taped the courts off for winter play.

We play in the Memorial Hall in the winter, when it's too cold to play outside.

We play on Sunday, Monday and Thursday, with Monday being for beginners.

This is such a fun group, and we love having new people join us!

SALTY DAWG



We all like a little salt to add flavor to our food. Jesus liked to use salt too. He said, "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it useful again? It is no longer good for anything, and will be thrown out and trampled upon underfoot as useless. You are the light of the world, like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for everyone to see. Don't hide your light under a basket. Instead, put it on a table and let it shine for all. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

--Matthew 5:13-16

Have you traveled to Homer, Alaska? Homer is located on what is called a "spit" which is a long and narrow peninsula. The "Salty Dawg" is a log-cabin like restaurant/pub on the peninsula. I imagine they have salt on the tables for their food.

Jesus invites us to be the salt and the light in today's world. We pick up the salt shaker and the salt enhances the flavoring of our food. Anyone that's on a restricted salt diet understands the value of it. Our pets need salt. On the farm, our livestock need salt in their diet. Even the grocery stores in my home town in the 1960's used to have salt blocks for sale. Jesus calls us to flavor the world, to "shake" things up a bit, just as he did. My grandparents used salt as a preservative, and Jesus would like us to keep this world from spoiling, from falling further into spiritual decay.

In the same way, Jesus also invites us to be light, to illuminate. Light can also purify, such as the radiation used in cancer and other health situations. Light can be a source of warmth, and we can warm up to others, checking their need for comfort or just a warm welcome. Both salt and light provide goodness in our lives. Jesus Christ brings goodness into our life. Without Jesus, life would be bland, cold, and dark. Just as we need salt and light, we can use some dashes of Jesus in our lives. Pass Jesus around!

October brings cool nights, when a bon fire and roasted marshmallows really hit the spot. In church, we will be following The Walk, with both the sermon series and the small group meeting on Tuesdays. We invite you to remain involved throughout October and continue into the season of Advent. See ya Sunday!

Pastor Brent Hanna

October 2024



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