

The Link: Connected in Christ

August 2025



Our Mission: “Bring People to Christ”

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Church Service Times

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

**Saturday Chapel
Worship 5:00 PM
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**

PASTOR JAE

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior!



Hot and steamy weather is ongoing here in Knoxville. May God's protection be with you all. When we had communion on the first Sunday of July, my heart was moved, and I felt sorry for people who were sick and suffering from their pain. I saw a few people coming out to receive communion regardless of their physical condition and pain. I did not just see their pain but also their desire for God's grace and healing. Once again, I pray God's healing grace be on your body, mind, and soul, and pray for blessings on you all.

As a body of Christ and a faith community, we walk together as believers to carry out God's ministry. When we are alone, we tend to feel weak and vulnerable. We cannot ignore this because it is true. Ironically, we say we are strong when we are weak because we are in Christ Jesus. The strength we have is from God, who created the universe.

Many years ago, I was in northern Virginia for ESL. One Friday night, I was coming home from church and saw bright lights in the trees. One of the trees looked as bright as lights on a Christmas tree. At first, I thought someone had put lights on the tree, but it was near a highway. No one would do that there. I was very curious. As I approached the area, I was amazed by the lights. It was full of fireflies over the trees. Specifically, one tree had many fireflies and looked like a real Christmas tree. It was an unusual scene.

Looking at ourselves, we might believe we are as fragile as a firefly. The light from one firefly is weak and not very visible. However, when they gather, they can produce bright lights like Christmas trees. Jesus called all of us to do the ministry of Jesus on earth (Matthew 28). Our mission statement is "Bring People to Christ." For 2025 and 2026, I chose a theme of "We Walk Together."

We, as the one body of Christ, want to walk together to do Jesus' ministry in this Knoxville community.

Doing these basic things as believers will help us walk together as a body of Christ and grow spiritually.

- Worshiping regularly
- Receiving the Holy Communion every month
- Reading the word of God and praying to God regularly
- Giving Offerings to God consistently
- Volunteering for church events/ ministries

May God be with you, bless and protect and heal you!

Many Blessings,

Pastor Jae

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST EVENTS



AUGUST 5

Tuesday

KID'S DAY CAMP

09:00 AM - Noon @ KFUMC

AUGUST 6

Wednesday

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

5:00-6:30 PM @ KFUMC Lower Level

AUGUST 6-9

Wednesday-Saturday

**NATIONALS PANCAKES
(FUMC & ROTARY)**

8:00 - Noon - National Guard Armory

AUGUST 8

Friday

YOUTH TO IOWA STATE FAIR

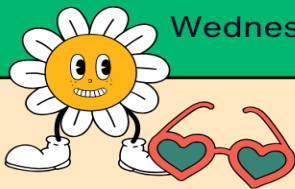
Des Moines (Contact Lauren)

AUGUST 27

Wednesday

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

5:00-6:30 PM @ KFUMC



CHURCH EVENTS

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL



Apple Slices



Walking Tacos



Dessert

5:00 P.M. - 6:30 PM

313 East Montgomery

Lower Level

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

W E D N E S D A Y , A U G U S T 27 , 2025

5 : 0 0 P . M . - 6 : 3 0 P . M .



Baked Potato Bar with Choice of Toppings

Mac and Cheese

Cookies

Drinks

313 E. MONTGOMERY STREET
(LOWER LEVEL)

EVERYONE IS INVITED
AND WELCOME!

VOLUNTEER/DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Nationals Pancakes Volunteers Needed



August 6-9, Wednesday to Saturday, 8am-noon at the Armory. We are looking for volunteers to help in two shifts each day. No experience needed - we will train you on the spot! Just bring a smile and help us make our out-of-town guests feel welcome. Sign-up sheets are available in the church narthex. Volunteers are to park in the back by going around the north side of the Armory to pull in. For more info, contact Kay Jensen or Jim Butler, or call Kay at 641-842-5325 or text 641-891-7387.

Volunteers Needed

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

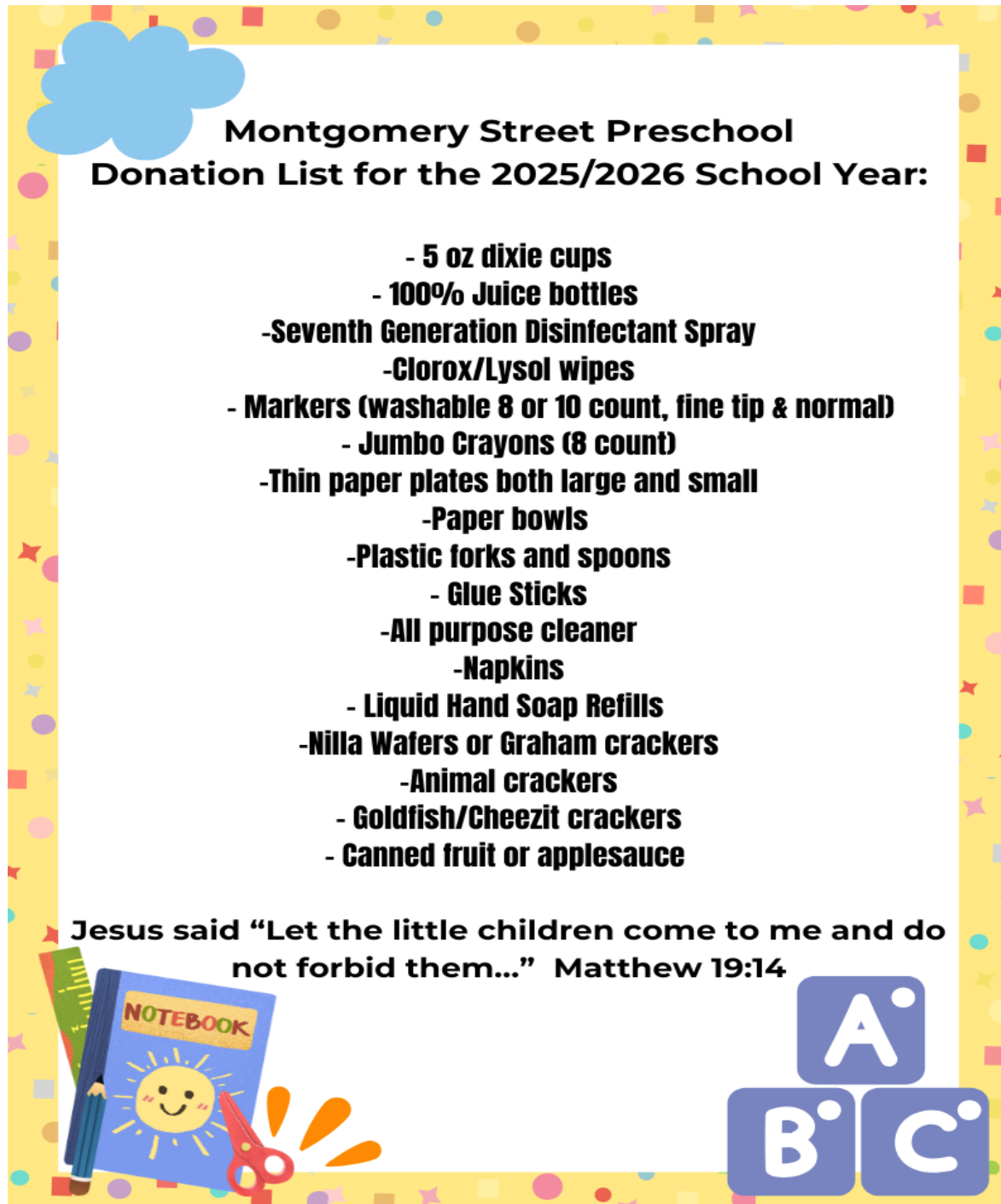
- Children's Church
- Pathfinders Co-Leader
- Family Events – such as game night, trivia, bingo, fall fest, Halloween/Fall party, Bikes & Trikes night, etc.
- Children's Christmas Pageant

If you feel called to help in any of these areas, please contact Lauren Petersen at lpetersen@kfumc.com or 641-842-3712. It takes a village to make these ministries possible and bring God to the next generation!

Youth & Children
Families
MINISTRY

Montgomery Street Preschool Donation Needs

It is back to school time! Below are the items that MSPS could use to help get the school year started off right for our students. Please drop off donations to the preschool or church office. Your donations to our program are greatly appreciated!!





FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Harvest Meal & SILENT AUCTION

OCTOBER 11, 2025 5-7PM

YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING AN ITEM
FOR THE SILENT AUCTION

Fellowship Uniting Neighbors (F.U.N.) and
Montgomery Street Preschool (MSPS) are
raising money for local community projects

such as:

Preschool

Back to School Program

Community -Thanksgiving and Christmas
food Baskets

Community- Free Christmas Meal

Items needed by October 6,2025



WE APPRECIATE YOU!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

How can it be August already? Summer has flown by, and we have had lots of fun here at KFUMC this summer with awesome day camps, VBS, Youth Mission Trip and more. We still have a couple of fun events coming up before we wrap up summer in a few short weeks. We are also getting ready for our fall kick-off and need volunteers for our fall programs including Children's Church, Pathfinders, and a Family Event Coordinator. 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.

Summer Day Camp

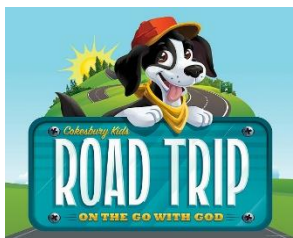
Mark your calendar for August 5th from 9am to noon! We're excited to invite kids from ages 3 to 5th grade to join us for a fun-filled day as we explore the parable of The Good Samaritan. It's our final day camp of the summer, so come enjoy a day packed with games, crafts, activities, tasty snacks, and the chance to make new friends. We really hope you can be part of the adventure! Register online here: <https://forms.gle/7ArCZGDwr2t42nU57>

Living Way Youth Meetings



- State Fair Outing - August 8th, RSVP by August 1st to Lauren
- Second Sunday Sundaes - August 10th at Kone Korner at 4pm, bring your own money

VBS By The Numbers:



- 62 Kids Through the Door
- 49 volunteers
- 198 Meals Served
- 92+ items donated
- \$447.71 raised for the Knoxville Reserve Police Department

Thank you to everyone who donated items, volunteered, and helped spread the word about our VBS. This year we had a wonderful 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!

Fall Programming Save the Dates

- Children's Church – September 14th (meets every Sunday during worship, 10-10:30am ish)
- Youth Group - September 7th (meets 1st and 3rd Sunday from 5-7pm)
- Pathfinders – tentative date October 14th or 15th, details TBD
- 3rd Grade Bible Sunday – tentatively Oct. 12th
- Children's Christmas Play – tentative dates, play December 7th, practices begin November 2nd

Blessings, Lauren

PRESCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

Limited spaces are available for MSPS Fall 2025

If you know of someone interested in preschool, please reach out for enrollment information.



Montgomery Street Preschool

**Limited Spaces are available.
Enroll Today!**

Classes available:

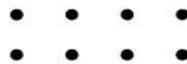
2 year olds (Totally Twos),

3 year olds (Thrilling Threes)

4 and 5 year olds (Kinder Explorers)

Email: mspschool@hotmail.com

Website: www.kfumc.com



DID YOU KNOW?

Why online giving is often considered a favorable option compared to in-person giving on Sundays

For many churches, online giving has become a preferred method of receiving contributions, offering advantages in convenience, security, and consistent support. While in-person giving remains a cherished tradition for some, online platforms address a number of modern needs and preferences.

Here's why online giving is often seen as a beneficial alternative to Sunday offerings:

1. Convenience and accessibility

- Anytime, anywhere: Online giving platforms make it easy for donors to contribute at any time and from any location, whether at home, on the go using their smartphones, or even during an online service.
- Multiple giving options: Many online platforms accept various payment methods such as debit/credit cards, bank transfers, and mobile payment apps, catering to diverse preferences.
- Reduced reliance on physical cash/checks: As people increasingly rely on digital transactions, online giving provides a solution for those who may not carry cash or checks regularly.

2. Increased generosity and consistency

- Recurring giving: Online platforms facilitate setting up recurring donations, ensuring a steady stream of income for the church and allowing donors to easily budget their contributions.
- Increased giving potential: Research suggests that churches offering online giving can experience a significant increase in overall donations, partly due to the convenience and recurrence options.
- Encourages participation beyond Sunday: Online giving allows individuals to contribute even if they miss a service or want to give at a moment of inspiration outside of a Sunday offering.

3. Enhanced security and transparency

- Secure transactions: Reputable online giving platforms use secure payment gateways and encryption to protect donor information, according to the Genesis Foundation India.
- Improved tracking and reporting: Online systems simplify tracking and reporting donations for both the church and the donor, making record-keeping more efficient for tax purposes and financial management.
- Transparency of funds: Many online platforms allow donors to track where their contributions are going and see the impact of their generosity, fostering greater trust and engagement, says PavelAndreev.ORG.

4. Administrative efficiencies

- Reduced workload for staff: Online giving streamlines administrative tasks related to handling, counting, and depositing cash and checks, freeing up valuable time for church staff and volunteers to focus on ministry activities.
- Automated record-keeping: Online platforms automate the process of recording donations, eliminating the need for manual data entry, and reducing the potential for errors.

PASTOR BRENT

Your Investment



"Do not store up for yourselves treasures here on earth, where they can be eaten by moths or consumed by rust, or where thieves can break in and steal. Instead, store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where they will not be eaten by moths and where they will always be safe from thieves. Wherever your treasure is, there will be your heart also. No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You can not serve both God and money." --Matthew 6:19-24

What do you hold as most important to you? Not what you think is important to someone else, and not what you think others would say is important to you, but what is most important to you?

You can narrow down things that are most important by looking at how you spend your free time. After you have completed all of your tasks at work (or at school) and at home, what do you choose to do with your time? Also, after all of your bills and expenses have been paid, and you have some cash remaining, how do you spend your extra money? By answering these questions, you can see what is pretty important to you in your life. Do you set aside some God time, working for God's kingdom? Do you include God in your budgeting? Jesus reminds us, "Wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Money is necessary, and as you grow older, you realize how precious time is also. Where do you invest your treasure? When you have your debt under control, you can better invest in Christ, loving God, and loving your neighbor. We will greatly expand our number of neighbors as they roll in for the Sprint Car Nationals. Invest in doing unto others as you would have them do unto you. See you in Church! -- *Pastor Brent*

CALENDAR

August 2025

KFUMC

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Jul 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Aug 1 | 2 |
| 8:30 AM Adult Bible S | 9:30 AM Staff Meeting | 9 AM Almost Free Shop | 12 PM WINGS | 5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P) | 9 AM Almost Free Shop | 5 PM Chapel Worship Se |
| 9 AM Holy Donut Hol | 1 PM Neighbor Helping | 6:30 PM KFUMC @ I-CU | 1 PM Neighbor Helping | 7:30 PM NA Meeting | 12 PM Alcoholics Anony | |
| 9:30 AM Worship Service | 2 PM Almost Free Shop | 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor | 5 PM Free Community N | | 6 PM Narcotics Anonym | |
| 10 AM Education Room | 5 PM Beginners Adult P | | | | | |
| 10:30 AM Ice Cream Social | 6:30 PM Trustee Meeting | | | | | |
| 11 AM Chapel Reserved | 7:30 PM Board Meeting | | | | | |
| 4 PM Pickleball (Peter, P) | | | | | | |
| 7:30 PM NA Meeting | | | | | | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Communion Sunday/For | | | Jae Off | | | |
| 8:30 AM Adult Bible S | 9:30 AM Staff Meeting | 9 AM Almost Free Shop | Knowville 410 Nationals | | | |
| 9 AM Holy Donut Hol | 1 PM Neighbor Helping | 9 AM Kid's Day Camp | 7 AM Knowville Nationals Pancakes w/Rotary | | | |
| 9:30 AM Worship Service | 2 PM Almost Free Shop | 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor | Brent Off | | Youth Group to Iowa Sta | 5 PM Chapel Worship Se |
| 10 AM Education Room | 5 PM Beginners Adult P | | 12 PM WINGS | 5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P) | 9 AM Almost Free Shop | |
| 11 AM Chapel Reserved | | | 1 PM Neighbor Helping | 7:30 PM NA Meeting | 12 PM Alcoholics Anony | |
| 1 PM Sorority Meeting | | | 5 PM Free Meal (Cooking) | | 6 PM Narcotics Anonym | |
| | | | 8:30 PM Contemporary K | | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Jae Off | 9:30 AM Staff Meeting | 9 AM Almost Free Shop | 12 PM WINGS | 5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P) | 9 AM Almost Free Shop | 5 PM Chapel Worship Se |
| | | | Katie Off | | | |
| 8:30 AM Adult Bible S | 1 PM Neighbor Helping | 5 PM Garden Club | 1 PM Neighbor Helping | 7:30 PM NA Meeting | 12 PM Alcoholics Anony | |
| 9 AM Holy Donut Hol | 2 PM Almost Free Shop | 5:30 PM Knowville Socce | | | 6 PM Narcotics Anonym | |
| 9:30 AM Contemporary | 5 PM Beginners Adult P | 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor | | | | |
| 10 AM Education Room | 6:30 PM F.U.N. Meeting | | | | | |
| 11 AM Chapel Reserved | | | | | | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| Katie Off | 9:30 AM Staff Meeting | 9 AM Almost Free Shop | 12 PM WINGS | 11 AM Adult Bible Study | 9 AM Almost Free Shop | 5 PM Chapel Worship Se |
| 8:30 AM Adult Bible S | 1 PM Neighbor Helping | 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor | 1 PM Neighbor Helping | 1 PM Annual Pastorial Inter | 12 PM Alcoholics Anony | |
| 9 AM Holy Donut Hol | 2 PM Almost Free Shop | | | 5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P) | 6 PM Narcotics Anonym | |
| 9:30 AM Worship Service | 5 PM Beginners Adult P | | | 7:30 PM NA Meeting | | |
| 10 AM Education Room | 6:30 PM SPRC | | | | | |
| 11 AM Chapel Reserved | | | | | | |
| 4 PM Pickleball (Peter, P) | | | | | | |
| 7:30 PM NA Meeting | | | | | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 8:30 AM Adult Bible S | 9:30 AM Staff Meeting | 9 AM Almost Free Shop | 12 PM WINGS | 1:30 PM Sarah Circle Me | 9 AM Almost Free Shop | 8 AM Hining Reception |
| 9 AM Holy Donut Hol | 1 PM Neighbor Helping | 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor | 1 PM Neighbor Helping | 5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P) | 12 PM Alcoholics Anony | 1 PM Hining Wedding |
| 9:30 AM Worship Service | 2 PM Almost Free Shop | | 5 PM MSPS Meet the Teact | 7:30 PM NA Meeting | 5:30 PM Hining Rehearsal | 5 PM Chapel Worship Se |
| 10 AM Education Room | 5 PM Beginners Adult P | | 5 PM Free Community N | | 6 PM Narcotics Anonym | |
| 11 AM Chapel Reserved | | | | | | |
| 4 PM Pickleball (Peter, P) | | | | | | |
| 7:30 PM NA Meeting | | | | | | |
| 31 | Sep 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 8:30 AM Adult Bible S | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSE | MSPS Starts | 12 PM WINGS | 5 PM Pickleball (Peter, P) | 9 AM Almost Free Shop | 5 PM Chapel Worship Se |
| 9 AM Holy Donut Hol | 5 PM Beginners Adult P | 9 AM Almost Free Shop | 1 PM Neighbor Helping | 7:30 PM NA Meeting | 12 PM Alcoholics Anony | |
| 9:30 AM Worship Service | | 11:15 AM Staff Meeting | 5 PM Free Meal (Cooking) | | 6 PM Narcotics Anonym | |
| 10 AM Education Room | | 7:30 PM Alcoholics Anor | | | | |
| 11 AM Chapel Reserved | | | | | | |
| 4 PM Pickleball (Peter, P) | | | | | | |
| 7:30 PM NA Meeting | | | | | | |