

The Link: Connected in Christ

OCTOBER 2026



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**



Greetings in the name of the Lord!



After the heat waves, we had many days of rain. It is easy to complain about the weather, but I hope we can find something to be thankful for. In the hardships, we can choose to be positive rather than negative about everything. Now I am with the sermon series “Jesus is Lord.” With this Sermon series, I hope we are all reminded that Jesus is the Lord, and we are his disciples, willing to follow Jesus and his commandments in the world.

Thank You for Rally Sunday!



I would like to thank all who came for Rally Sunday. Thanks to the A/V team and singers, Kaurie for the special song, and UWF for preparing brunch for the whole congregation. It was a meaningful moment for all that we built a church with LEGO blocks. Following our faithful ancestors, we continue our parts in keeping and maintaining this church, sharing the love of God with the community and beyond. We also recognize that the building is not yet finished, and our next generation will continue what we are doing now to glorify God.

The theme was that “We Build Together.” We are not just building the physical church building; we are building each other, since the church is the group of people who believe Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. Starting this fall until next Fall in 2027, I hope we all support, love, and pray for each other and build each other up in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Church Logo Change



The Church Administrative Council approved a new church logo, a flipped version of the old logo, with the steeple, cross, and flame on the left side instead of the right, making it more versatile. It's more welcoming and works well across web pages, letterhead, and flyers.

The New Church Logo

Upcoming sermon series in November 2026

The Book, The Gospel of John: A Beginner's Guide to the Way, the Truth, and the Life, by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine.

Chapter 1. The Wedding at Cana

Chapter 2. Nicodemus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well

Chapter 3. The Healing of the Man at the Pool

Chapter 4. The Man Born Blind

Chapter 5. Foot Washing

Chapter 6. Mary Magdalene and Doubting Thomas

(Due to Advent starting November 29, Pastor Jae will cover 4 chapters of it)

Financial Update

The current financial status is better than in the spring and summer. Thank you for your support for the church. As I mentioned in the July Newsletter, after using \$14,230 from the Maintenance account to help cover expenses, we have not borrowed any more so far.

Our General Giving Amounts: August 2026 = \$39,533 and September 2026 = \$25,954.

As I have mentioned previously, our church needs approximately \$8,000 each week to meet its ongoing operating costs. Thank you again for your generous giving to the Church to support God's mission in the community and beyond.

Blessings,

Pastor Jaeseong Lee.

September Month-End Financial Update

September General Giving: **\$25,954**

September General Expenses: **\$28,122**

SAVE THE DATE

October 2026 Events

October 04

Discount Ham Ball Tickets

Save When You Buy Early!
Adult tickets are just \$10 through October 4 and \$15 after October 4.
Buy your tickets before or after worship in the Narthex on Sunday!

October 07

Free Meal with Pop-Up Pantry

5:00–6:30 p.m. in
KFUMC, Lower Level
Menu: Breakfast casserole,
sausage and drinks.
Pop-Up Pantry also open.

October 10

Ham Ball Dinner Fundraiser

5:00–7:00 PM | Lower Level
Menu: Ham balls, cheesy potatoes,
green beans, dinner rolls,
homemade pie, and drinks!
Tickets: Adults \$15 • Kids \$10
Profits to: Montgomery &
Christmas Food Baskets

October 25

3rd Grade Bible Sunday

3rd grade students receive their
own bible during the 9:30 a.m.
Sunday worship service.

October 28

Free Community Meal

5:00–6:30 p.m. in
KFUMC, Lower Level
Menu: Baked ziti, garlic
bread and drinks

October 29

Trunk or Treat

5:30–6:30 p.m. along front
sidewalk at KFUMC
Trick or Treat, Free Candy,
Games, Music & Fun. Dress
up in your favorite costume!

CHURCH EVENTS

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

5:00-6:30PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
313 EAST MONTGOMERY ST, KNOXVILLE
(LOWER LEVEL)



ENJOY BREAKFAST FOR SUPPER!

BREAKFAST CASSEROLE
SAUSAGE
DRINKS



First United Methodist Church - 313 E. Montgomery St.

HARVEST DINNER

Hamball Feast

Hamballs, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, a Dinner Roll, Drink, and Homemade Pie

Saturday,
October

10TH

From 5-7PM

ALL Presale Tickets: \$10

or after Oct. 4th: \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids 12 and under

Cash or Check

Dine-in or Carry-out

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be split between Montgomery Street Preschool and the Holiday Food Basket Mission
Thank you!

Presale Tickets are Available:

At the Almost Free Shop
At the First United Methodist Church Office
Before and after Sunday Service Sept. 27th and Oct. 4th
From any member of Fellowship Uniting Neighbors [F.U.N]
Call 641-842-3712 or email first@kfumc.com



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026

5:00PM - 6:30 PM
313 E. MONTGOMERY
LOWER LEVEL

BAKED ZITI PASTA, GARLIC BREAD, DESSERT & DRINK



Trick or Treat

TRUNK OR TREAT

THURS., OCT. 29TH
5:30-6:30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!
BRING THE FAMILY

**FUN
GAMES
CANDY!**



VOLUNTEER/DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Knoxville First United
Methodist Church

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Host A Trunk

Sign-up by emailing Lauren at
lpetersen@kfumc.com

Thursday October 29th
5:30pm - 6:30pm

FREE
CANDY!



MEALS ON WHEELS: Deliver A Difference!

Volunteer to deliver Meals on Wheels from November 9-12, 2026, and make a difference in our community! **Route 2** is still available each day; this is a great opportunity for individuals, families, and friends to serve together.

 Pick up meals between 10:30 and 10:40 a.m. in the alley behind the police station.

Sign up today by replying to this email or by adding your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you for sharing a meal, a smile, and God's love with those in need!



<u>DATE & ROUTE</u>	<u>VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>CELL NUMBER</u>
Monday, November 9, 2026			
Route 1	Deb Harvey	Cheryl Tucker	641-891-0808
Route 2			
Route 3	Chris Agan	Sue Agan	641-891-0060
Route 4	Jay Olson	Jacquii Olson	641-842-2161
Tuesday, November 10, 2026			
Route 1	Deb Harvey	Cheryl Tucker	641-891-0808
Route 2			
Route 3	Chris Agan	Sue Agan	641-891-0060
Route 4	Jay Olson	Jacquii Olson	641-842-2161
Wednesday, November 11, 2026			
Route 1	Deb Harvey	Cheryl Tucker	641-891-0808
Route 2			
Route 3	Chris Agan	Sue Agan	641-891-0060
Route 4	Jay Olson	Jacquii Olson	641-842-2161
Thursday, November 12, 2026			
Route 1	Deb Harvey	Cheryl Tucker	641-891-0808
Route 2			
Route 3	Chris Agan	Sue Agan	641-891-0060
Route 4	Jay Olson	Jacquii Olson	641-842-2161

UPDATES!

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www.youtube.com/@firstunitedmethodistchurch9770/streams



Knoxville First UMC - Giving
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CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

We are already off to a great start this school year. I hope all your families' activities have been going well. I am so excited to see all our children and youth again at all of our programs. October has some fun events, including Pathfinders kick-off, Bible Sunday, and Trunk or Treat. See below for further details on all our fall programs! If you have any questions, please contact me at lpetersen@kfumc.com.

Do you have an idea for an event or ministry that you would like to see here at KFUMC? Share your ideas and thoughts with Lauren! We are always looking for new ways to serve our church and community. Events we have done in the past include Free Movie at the Grand Theater, Family Game Night, Trunk or Treat, and Bingo to name a few. Let us know if you liked these events or if you have an idea for something new! Email Lauren at lpetersen@kfumc.com.

Children's Church

Children's Church is our version of Sunday School designed for kids in preschool through elementary. All kids are welcome to attend and we encourage older children to come down and help! Children will sit through the first part of worship in the sanctuary, then will be dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Message in big church. They will have about 30-35 minutes of learning about bible stories through fun games, songs, crafts, and more! Children's Church has begun and will continue through May!

Living Way Youth

Youth group is for students in grades 6th through 12th. Youth from any school or church are welcome and encouraged to join us. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 5-7pm. This year we are looking forward to continuing to grow in our faith, diving deeper into scripture, serve our community, and raise money for 2027 trips and events!

Save the Dates:

- Youth Group Schedule
 - October 4th, 5-7pm
 - October 7th, 4:30-7pm – Service Project: serve meal at the church
 - October 18th, 5-7pm
 - November 1st, 5-7pm
 - November 15th, 5-7pm
 - November 25th – Pie Baking 10am – 2pm

Pathfinders

Pathfinders is designed for kids in grades 3-5. They enjoy a 7-week session in the fall and spring where they will learn about bible stories and lessons through games, crafts, activities, and service projects. Jane and I are so excited to see the kids back in mid-October. If you have a 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader interested in joining Pathfinders, please RSVP to Lauren by October 5th via email or by calling the church.

Pathfinders Fall Schedule

Tuesdays, 3:30-5pm

Transportation available from Northstar Elementary

Dates: October 13th, 20th, 27th, November 3rd, 10th, and 24th.

No Pathfinders November 17th

Fall Events Save the Dates

3rd Grade Bible Sunday – Oct. 25th, 9:30am

Trunk or Treat – October 29th, 5:30-6:30pm

Children's Christmas Play – December 13th at 9:30am, practices begin November 1st, Sundays before worship

Blessings,
Lauren

PRESCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

MSPS is off to a fantastic start this year! We have a great group of students and are enjoying getting to know many new families. Thank you to everyone with in our church family that donated supplies to start the year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!! Enjoy a few pictures from our first few weeks of class.





Look At The Evidence



"Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance changed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothing became dazzling white. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus. Peter blurted out, 'Lord, this is wonderful! If you want, let's build three shrines, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'"

But even as he said it, a bright cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, and I am fully pleased with him. Listen to him.' The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground.

Jesus came over and touched them. 'Get up,' he said, 'Don't be afraid.' And when they looked, they saw only Jesus. As they descended the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Don't tell anyone what you have seen until I, the Son of Man, have been raised from the dead.' His disciples asked, 'Why do the teachers of religious law insist that Elijah must return before the Messiah comes?'

Jesus replied, 'Elijah is indeed coming first to set everything in order. But I tell you, he has already come, but he wasn't recognized, and he was badly mistreated. And soon the Son of Man will also suffer at their hands.' Then the disciples realized he had been speaking of John the Baptist." --Matthew 17:1-13

When I was in elementary school, I often heard the comment, "Prove it." Some children go through a phase when they tend to exaggerate, (I know that I did!) using their imagination to see some things as larger than life. As adults, some may think to themselves, or even speak out loud the same phrase, prove it, when it comes to discussing topics, even including Jesus. The question becomes, what kind of proof will you accept? It's pretty difficult to accept any type of proof if you have already made up your mind. We live in a world today of "instant replay" when we need to verify something in the world of sports. In football, it is announced, "the play is under further review."

In Matthew's scripture, Jesus had already told the disciples about his death and resurrection. In this mountain top experience, three of his disciples see proof to his claims, and you can imagine how greatly their views changed after seeing Jesus talking with two people who had been dead for generations. We never know what experience someone will need to accept Jesus. It probably won't be a transfiguration experience. That has already taken place and is recorded in our Bible. But in 2026, we have over two thousand years of Christian experiences to verify that Jesus is our Savior, the Son of God, who came into our world to teach us, and then to die upon a cross for our sins. There is more than enough evidence to "prove" Jesus' life and purposeful mission. Now, it up for each individual to consider the evidence. It takes an open mind, as the evidence is provided.

See you in church on Sunday.

--Pastor Brent

October 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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