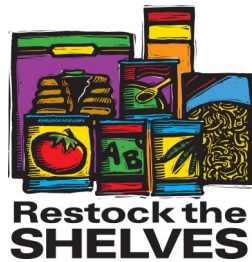


UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Backpack Program with a specific kind of food. For the month of January, the food item is **pop-tarts breakfast pastries**.



Security Team Organizational Meeting

The Security Team will meet briefly following the worship service in the Wicker Room to decide times for meetings and items that will be discussed. All members should make every effort to be in attendance for this meeting. Members of this team are Dennis Ashley, Chris Higgins, and Kenny and Martha Spurlock.

United Methodist Men Meeting

The Methodist Men will be meeting Monday January 8 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meal for this meeting is being prepared by Pat Bowden. If you plan on attending this meeting, please see Bill Cole.

Fellowship Supper Rescheduled for This Week

The January Fellowship Supper was rescheduled to this Wednesday January 10 at 6:30 pm due to inclement weather. We look forward to warmer weather and a large crowd this Wednesday! Remember to bring someone along with you and bring your favorite dish to share.

N.O.W. Team Meeting This Week

The N.O.W. Team meeting was rescheduled to this Thursday January 11 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We have lots to discuss as we bring in the New Year and would love to see new faces with fresh ideas at the meeting.

Trustees Meeting

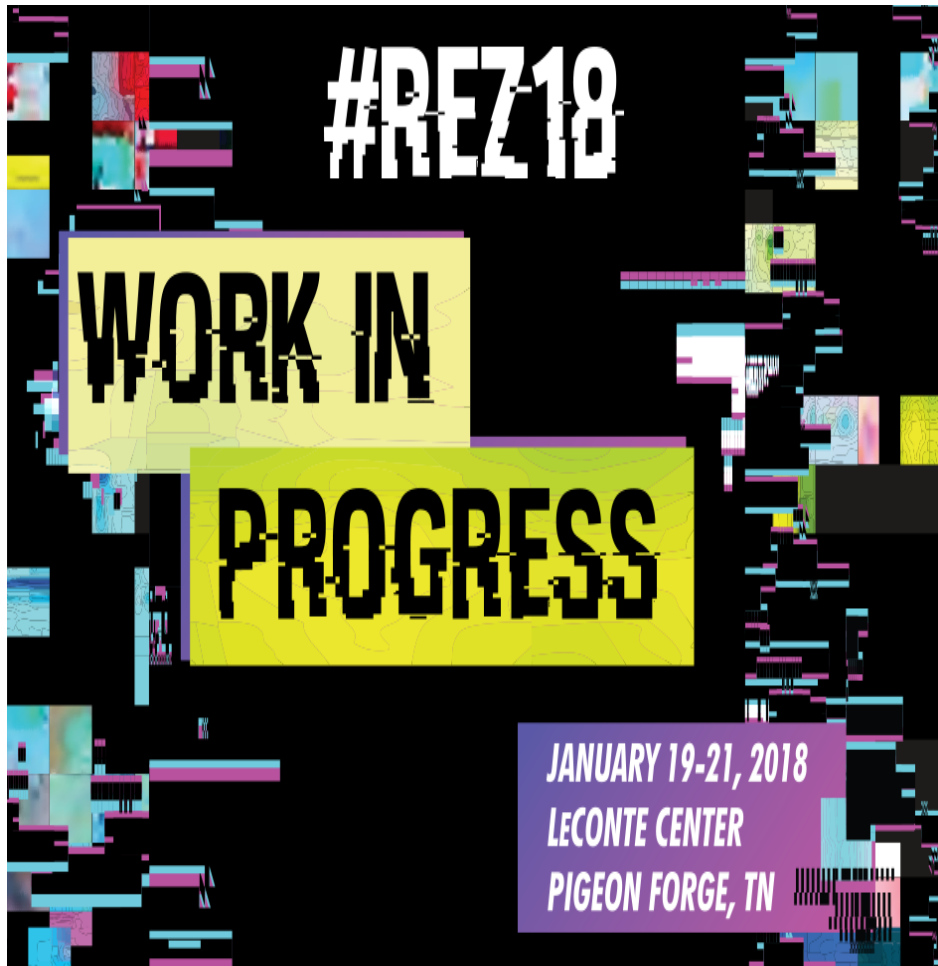
The Board of Trustees will be meeting Sunday January 14 immediately following the worship service in the Kelly Sunday School Class area of the Fellowship Hall. All members are asked to be in attendance. Members of the Board of Trustees are: Spencer Quesenberry, Chris Higgins, Donald Shorter, Alberta Mitchell, Martha Spurlock, and David Shupe.

Administrative Board Meeting

The Administrative Board will meet Sunday January 14 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All members are asked to make every effort to attend this meeting.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee to Meet

The SPPRC will meet immediately following the worship service on January 14th in the Wicker Room. The topic of the meeting will be deciding whether or not the church will request that Pastor Goodman return for another year. Comments may be made to members of the committee: Mary Beth Allen, Chairperson, Alberta Mitchell, Bill Cole, John Hagan, Pat Bowden, Donna Mahan, Cecelia Robinette, Paul Clark, and Lana Prater.



Resurrection 2018

On Friday January 19 the UMYF will be traveling to Pigeon Forge, TN to attend Resurrection 2018. Please be in prayer for safe travels and that the youth will grow closer to God. They will be returning on Sunday January 21. The youth will be sharing what they learned with all of you on Youth Sunday, February 4.

Pastor Will Take a Winter Spiritual Retreat

Pastor Goodman will be taking a winter spiritual retreat. He will be attending Resurrection 2018 with the youth group and then staying in Pigeon Forge the remainder of the week. Please pray for him as he tries to set some time apart to hear God's voice and discern the direction God wants him to lead in the year ahead.

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Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

January 7, 2017

Greeters: Paul Clark and Jack Williams

Announcements: Diane Botts

Prelude:

Choral Call to Worship: “God is Speaking”

“Spoken Word” by B. Kevin Smalls -Read by Pastor Goodman

***Opening Hymns:** “When Jesus Came to Jordan” No. 252

A Time for Prayer...

A Sharing of Our Joys, Concerns, and Thanksgivings
(Please raise your hand and an usher will come by with a microphone so that everyone will be able to hear your joy, concern or thanksgiving.)

The Lord’s Prayer	<i>(as found at No. 895)</i>
Gloria Patri	No. 70

Children’s Message: Andrew Holyfield

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Ushers: Angie Tipton, Lana Prater, Donna Mahan, Christy Smith

Offertory:

***The Doxology:** No. 95

Special Music: David Goodman

The Word of God Isaiah 60:1, 2, 4; Mark 1:4-5, 9-11

Translation by Taylor Burton-Edwards

Reader 1: Rise up, shine, O shine out, Jerusalem! Your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

Reader 2: Behold, I will send my messenger where you will all see her, and my road builder, and he will prepare the way. She will cry out in the desert, her voice resounding in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord. Make every byway a highway!”

Reader 1: Yes, darkness and gloom will form a veil over the earth and all nations, but over you, wherever you are, the Lord shall appear, and God’s glory shall be seen upon you.

Reader 2: John appeared, baptizing in the desert, and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from all of Judea and every neighborhood of Jerusalem were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the Jordan, calling their sins out loud as they were plunged beneath the river.

Reader 1: Lift up your eyes, look all around you, and see! All your descendants are gathered together again: your sons from far away, your daughters upon their nurses’ arms.

Reader 2: And in those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And as soon as he rose up from the water, he

lifted up his eyes and looked around. The sky was split, and the Spirit alighted upon him like a dove.

Readers 1 & 2: And there was a voice from the sky:

All: You are my beloved child. I am delighted in you!

Reader 1: God was speaking in those days, through prophets, preachers, and voices from the sky. Glory!

Reader 2: God is still speaking today, through Christ in us, the hope of glory.
Readers: And so in these days, we will not fail to rise up, and shine, and say:

All: I am a child of God.

Sermon: “God is Speaking!”

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Introduction: - Pastor Goodman

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin.

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, members of his body on earth?

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races.

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Spirit of the Lord is with us. **Even so, come Lord Jesus!**

Let us pray. Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, or redirect the winds of the Spirit, We lose hope, or take hope away from others. We let the world tell us who we are, or even let the church limit what you would make of us. We walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget your power.

We parch ourselves. **We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!**

Speak to us once more your great good news of life, and pour into us afresh your love, stronger than death, until we can all rise, and each in our own voice proclaim: **I am a child of God.**

Even so, come upon us, Holy Spirit! **Come upon us, Holy Spirit!**

Come upon these waters. **Come upon these waters.**

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters fill us with hope for your now and coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father! **Glory to you!**

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord! **Glory to you!**

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness! **Glory to you!**

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

All who are baptized and have renewed their vows are invited to come to the font to use the water as a sign of refreshing.

***Closing Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”** No. 400

Pastoral Benediction

Reader 1: So you shall see, and stand in awe... at the salvation of the Lord.

Reader 2: And immediately, the Spirit drove Jesus out into the barren places:

Pastor: On this day our God has acted. Rise up! Head out to the barren places! Look around and see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ shining in your hearts for all the world to see. **Amen.**

Choral Benediction

Postlude

*** Indicates that you may stand, as you are able**

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