

“Welcoming all, presenting values based on the teachings of Christ”

First Broad Street United Methodist Church, Church Circle, Kingsport, TN

*Greetings to all. Hope you are doing well and have stayed safe during this long pandemic. The pandemic became much worse than we anticipated, but things seem to be going in a positive direction now. With continued caution, we soon may be able to have more normal programs and activities. The church’s goal is to be open for indoor meetings with meals in August, if guidelines allow. Until then, we will follow protocols and stay with outdoor activities. We plan to have picnics (following Eastman guidelines) and walks. Let’s continue to work together to keep the virus under control and keep everyone safe. **Please get the vaccine (most important) and continue to wear your mask, social distance and wash your hands!***

Monday, April 19, 6:00 PM (note time change)-Greenbelt Walk and Dinner at McAlister’s Deli (East Stone Commons-2003 North Eastman Rd.)

Meet in the lower parking lot beside PetSmart near the Greenbelt sign. We plan to walk for about an hour and then meet at McAlister’s at ~7:15 for outdoor dining. Join us for dinner if you do not wish to walk. **Remember to bring your mask for walk and dinner.** *In case of heavy rain or storms, the walk and dinner will be canceled.* Questions. Call Jane (423 246-1727)

Monday, April 26, 6:00 PM (note time change)-Shelter 9, Eastman Bays Mountain Recreation Area

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES VERY CAREFULLY AS THIS IS NOT OUR TYPICAL POTLUCK PICNIC

MEAL: Every person needs to bring their own meal and everything they need for their own meal—food, drink, utensils, plates, cups, napkins, etc. **NOTHING WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOU.** No ice or water and no food sharing.

EASTMAN PICNIC AREA STRICT GUIDELINES

- 1) Physical distancing—6 ft distancing will be in effect. This may be difficult as we are individuals and not family units, but it is a must! See Note below
- 2) Masks are required. Everyone should bring their own masks.
- 3) Tables, benches, light switches and anything touched must be cleaned and disinfected before and after use.
- 4) Masks must be worn at all times when visiting the restrooms and other shelters as well as in our unit when not eating or drinking.
- 5) Failure to follow the guidelines could forfeit our use of the picnic shelters in the future.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS: Bring your own chair to help facilitate adequate seating and physical distancing. Bring hand sanitizer and disinfectant products to help with cleaning.

I know people are anxious to get out, but the virus is persistent and we must follow the safety recommendations. If you are sick, have a fever, have tested positive for Covid-19, or have been in contact with someone with Covid-19, please do not come to the picnic.

Note: If you have a person or group you have quarantined with, it is okay to sit together and does not require the 6 ft. distance. If everyone has gotten their vaccine, we may be able to follow the updated CDC guidelines. Call Jane (423 246-1727) with questions.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF EARL FARRAR, FAY FERGUSON, NELL LEE,
GEORGIA QUILLEN, SUSAN POND AND DAVID WILLIAMS**

This and That. We welcome your input on programs, activities and meals and welcome those who would like to join the planning committee. Normal meeting times are 10AM on 2nd Thursdays. Give Jane (423 246-1727) or Dave (daveredd@gmail.com) your input. Most of all we encourage your presence on Monday nights and other planned activities.

Meal-A-Month Program The Planning Committee is aware that many members of Single Vision are on limited fixed incomes and cannot always afford the \$7 meal costs and recommended a program with funds donated by Single Vision participants. Persons in this category would be eligible potentially for one meal/month depending on availability of funds. If you think you could spare \$7 occasionally to support this program, a basket will be available Mondays, with all funds going to this cause.

****Locked Door Policy-**All church doors will be locked at 6PM on Mondays. When we meet in the Fellowship Hall, enter through the 1st door of the Fellowship Hall. **Shades of Grace**-Drop by between 10AM and 4PM weekdays to help or visit with the people Shades of Grace serves and see what their needs are. Food donations of breakfast items including fresh fruits and vegetables during the summer months are appreciated. **Safe House**-Items needed are clothing for adult women, infants and children to age 10, socks and underwear; personal care items; bedding for single beds and cribs; paper products, etc. **Alcohol**-It is a Single Vision policy that alcohol will NOT be consumed at any Single Vision function. **Meal Policy**-Remember-meal reservations are binding and unless someone is available to take your reservation, you will be expected to pay. To cancel, call the 24-hour reservation line (423 224-1502) BY 8:30 AM Monday morning. If you learn after 8:30 that you cannot attend, call the church office (423 224-1500) to inform them and we will try to fill your spot. ***Please notify a Single Vision contact to update your address and phone number, email, or to be removed from our mailing list. Contact Jane Adams (423-246-1727) or email daveredd@gmail.com.

Shades of Grace is currently not allowing people inside the building and are serving meals only as take out. Food items should be shelf stable and suitable as a lunch bag item. If you would like to donate food this way, go to the front door between 9 and 10 o'clock and knock. Someone will come pick up your items.