

"Welcoming all, presenting values based on the teachings of Christ"

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

Happy New Year! With the appearance of the Omicron variant of Covid, we need to continue to be cautious and vigilant while its effects are being determined. The best course of action against the virus still appears to be vaccination. Until any future updates, we will continue to follow church and CDC guidelines: Unvaccinated people should wear masks (except when eating or drinking) and maintain some physical distancing. Vaccinated folks may wish to wear masks as well. For all Single Vision programs and activities, if you are sick, have a fever, have tested positive for Covid, or have been in contact with someone with Covid, please stay home. We want to keep everyone safe.

Mon., Jan. 3, 6:30 PM-Fellowship Hall-Potluck Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange

We missed our gift exchange tradition last year because of Covid, but we will resume this tradition with our "white elephant" gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift (~\$5-\$10) which can be new, or preferably, an unneeded or unwanted Christmas gift. Stealing someone else's gift can be quite fun. **Dinner:** Bring a food item to share. Coffee, tea and water will be provided. Reservations are not necessary. Program begins at 7:15 pm. **Enter the church through the 1st door of the Fellowship Hall.**

Monday, Jan. 10, 6:30 PM-MOVIE NIGHT-Theater Room, 2nd Floor Wesley Wing

Join us for a light-hearted comedy featuring some old favorites in one of their earliest movies. Free popcorn. No reservations. Those who wish may go for a light supper or dessert after the movie. **Note:** Enter the church through the Wesley Wing doors which will be locked at 6:30. **Plan Ahead:** *If you arrive after 6:30 pm, have a cell phone number of someone you know will be there to let you in.*

Saturday, Jan. 15, 2:00 PM-Bus Trip to Boones Creek Opry and Museum (632 Hales Chapel Rd., J.C., TN) and Dinner at Bob Evans Restaurant (2801 Boones Creek Rd., J.C., TN) Depart the FBSUMC **Wanola St.** parking lot at 2 pm. We will tour the museum, go for dinner at Bob Evans at 4 pm, return to the Opry by 6pm for the evening's music program. Sign up on Monday nights or call Jane (423 246-1727). Cost: Bus \$2. Opry \$2. Dinner on your own. Host: John Powers (423 335-5697) Back to Kingsport around 9 PM.

Monday, Jan. 17, 6:30 PM Restaurant Trip to O'Charley's (1020 North Eastman Rd.)

The church is closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. We will meet for dinner and fellowship at O'Charley's. To plan for adequate seating, sign up Mondays or call host Jane (423 246-1727)

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 5:00 PM Dinner at Food City (1205 N. Eastman Rd.-Crown Point Shopping Center) and Movie at NCG Theaters, Ft. Henry Mall (2101 Ft. Henry

Dr) Let's try Tuesday movies again as rates are \$5 on Tuesday. Meet at the Food City Deli at 5 for dinner and then to the mall for a movie. Call host Ned (423 817-8890) if you plan to attend

Monday, Jan. 24, 6:30 PM-Fellowship Hall, Dinner and Music with Landon Bellamy

Carolyn Hensley phoned recently with a recommendation for a program-a very talented young musician named Landon Bellamy. Some planning committee members knew him and gave 2 thumbs up! We are excited to welcome Landon and look forward to an evening of beautiful music. Landon is currently serving as Minister of Music at Shades of Grace United Methodist Church. Do not miss this one! Thanks, Carolyn.

Dinner: Baked Potato Bar, salad, dessert and beverage. Cost: \$7. Reservations are needed by noon, Fri., Jan. 21 (423 224-1502). The program begins at 7:15 and no reservations are required for the program only. ****Enter the church through the 1st door of the Fellowship Hall.**

Monday, Jan. 31, 6:30 PM-Fellowship Hall-"Bring Your Own Dinner" and Program with Angie Odum

Angie Odum of Elizabethton has long practiced her Christian faith through community service. She established the TLC Community Center and was active in feeding children, especially in the summer. She was also involved in crisis pregnancy. But her life became even busier and more dramatic when she and her husband, Earl, adopted baby Hope, who was drug addicted from her mother's drug use. She has written a book, "And Then There Was Hope" outlining the challenges and blessings. Her life story is too full to describe here; come hear her remarkable story in person. **Dinner:** Bring your own meal. Coffee, tea and water will be provided. No reservations required. Program begins at 7:15. **Enter the church through the 1st door of the FH.**

We need your help! 1) set-up, clean-up, meal prep, etc. 2) planning committee-plan and/or host programs and activities, 3) be responsible for getting people to do devotions or do an occasional devotion, 4) host Tuesday evening Dinner and a Movie, 5) host afternoon walks, 6) assist with name tags and taking up dinner money. Thanks to all who have responded. We still can use more help. Planning Committee meetings are the 2nd Tuesdays at 10 AM (room 241 at church).

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 Tuesdays. 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 incomes and cannot always afford the \$7 meal costs and has recommended a program with funds donated by Single Vision participants. If you want to attend a meal but cannot afford it, you may be eligible 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-**With a new security system, most church doors are locked in the evenings. 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 (423 224-1502) 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.

* **Notice** Due to the Covid pandemic, Shades of Grace is closed to indoor activities but is currently handing out bag meals at their facility on Sullivan Street. They can use foods such as fresh fruit (bananas, oranges, grapes, fruit cups) and individually packaged items such as chips, crackers, cookies, nutrition bars and other nonperishable items that would be suitable for lunch or breakfast. Take to front door between 9 and 9:30 am and knock. Not sure when normal operations will resume.