

# Welcome

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am a Visitor
- I am interested in membership
- I would like to visit with the pastor
- Please note my change of address

## PRAYER REQUEST

*(Place in the Offering Plate or give to the Pastor.)*

I ask your prayers for:

\_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Request:

\_\_\_\_\_

May we send this person a note of encouragement?     yes     no

If yes, please include their address:

\_\_\_\_\_

May we include this in the prayer list for next week's bulletin and email prayer list? \_\_\_\_\_

Person making request \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## CHRISTIAN CLICHÉS: GOD SAID IT, I BELIEVE IT, THAT SETTLES IT

(Scriptures & Sermon Notes)

*Designate a place outside the camp where you can go to relieve yourself. As part of your equipment have something to dig with and when you relieve yourself, dig a hole and cover up your excrement. For the Lord your God moves about in your camp to deliver your enemies to you. Your camp must be holy, so that he may not see anything indecent among you and turn away from you. – Deuteronomy 23:12-14*

*Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death. Because they have cursed their father or mother, their blood will be on their own head. – Leviticus 20:9*

*Whoever works on Sabbath, shall be put to death. – Exodus 35:2*

*She shall be brought to the door of her father's house and there the men of her town shall stone her to death. – Deuteronomy 22:21*

*All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. – 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

Inspired – theopneustos – GOD-BREATHED

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life and that life was the light of all mankind . . . The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. – John 1:1-4, 14*

The Bible is the manger which carries the Christ. – Martin Luther

# First United Methodist Church

*A Church that Loves All People into a Relationship with Jesus Christ*

*Becoming one diverse community passionately worshipping Jesus & practicing unprecedented acts of hospitality.*



August 5, 2018 • 8:30 a.m.

Welcome

Songs of Praise

Children's Message\*

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation

Message

**Christian Cliches:  
God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It**

Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene

Scripture (See Back Panel)

Holy Communion

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit*

**make us one with Christ, one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,**

*until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.*

Service of Giving

Farewell Blessing for Julie Braswell (See Inside)

Closing Blessing

*\*Following the example of Christ, First Church welcomes children of all ages and we welcome the sounds & activity that accompany them! The Pray-Ground is an area located near the Praise Café that offers children 5 & under a space to quietly engage in age appropriate activities while experiencing worship with their families. In addition to the Pray-Ground there are activity bags available as well as Nurseries for babies & toddlers located across the breezeway in the Education Bldg.*

*\*Please stand in praise of God if you are able.*

## A Farewell Blessing for Julie Braswell

The Church is a family. We are united by the common bond of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We are all brothers and sisters. And for a time, First United Methodist Church is our home.

Like every human family, our church family is formed and reformed over time: as members are born, as they die, as members are adopted into our family, and as they leave our congregation for a new home, in a different place.

For a time, Julie has lived with us. We have shared with each other good times and bad, we have shared each other's joys and sorrows, we have lightened each other's heavy loads. Together we have laughed and cried, together we have worshiped and praised God, and together we have lived.

Congregation:

**We feel sorrow in your leaving, yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new chapter in your life. We will miss your love and support, yet we know you will add much to the lives of those who will be your new church family, as you have added much to our lives.**

Let us pray:

**O God, you are the strength and the protector of your people. We humbly place Julie in your hands as she prepares to leave us. Keep and preserve her, O Lord, in all health and safety, both of body and soul. Guide her as she ventures into this next season of her life and may your peace that passes all understanding go with her, we pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen. Amen.**

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Bernice Allen & her family, Debbie Propst, Frank Cloninger, Bobby Fowler, Leigh Ann McLaughlin, Carolyn Underwood, Miranda Shatley, Pauline Good, Susan Holbrook, Fire & Flood Victims

**Military:** Scott Beal, Taylor Bean, Ethan Branton, Todd Houtz, Michael Howard, Tai Orange, David Parker, Camaron Sills, President Trump

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL SEND OFF FOR JULIE BRASWELL

Please join us this afternoon from 3-5 p.m. for a drop-in Ice Cream Social to thank Julie Braswell for her service to First Church. Julie is moving back to South Carolina and her last day in the Church Office will be August 9. We are collecting gift cards to give to Julie to show our appreciation. Please bring them to the ice cream social & drop them in the basket.



#### Nursery:

For children up to 4 years  
8:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Level 1

#### Sunday School:

For children 3 years - 5th Grade from  
9:30 - 10:15 a.m. on Level 1

#### Children's Church:

K-2<sup>nd</sup> Graders leave the Sanctuary for a  
worship program during the 10:30 a.m.  
service in the Children's Church Rm.

#### Children's Sacks:

Located at the entrances of the  
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall.



All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a Game Night TONIGHT from 5-7 p.m. in the Activity Room. Bring your favorite game to play. Snacks will be provided. For more information about the Youth Group, please contact Shannon LeMaster-Smith at DeaconShannon324@gmail.com.

### FIRST CHURCH IS HIRING A DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & HOSPITALITY

The purpose of this position is two-fold: 1) to administer the life of the congregation and 2) create a welcoming environment by giving oversight to hospitality ministries. This position will best be filled by an active participant in the life of the congregation. This is a 30hr/week position with hours on Sunday morning. Salary is negotiable depending on experience & credentials. This position is eligible for health benefits. Contact Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene (willis.fumcnewton@gmail.com) for more info and a complete job description.

### A LOOK AHEAD . . .

#### Thursday, August 9

JOY (Just Older Youth)  
10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

#### Tuesday, August 14

Church Council Meeting  
7 p.m. in the Gomedela Room

#### Thursday, August 16

Soldier's Day Parade  
Hospitality Helpers Needed  
from 3-6 p.m.

### FIRST CHURCH STAFF

Lara "Willis" Greene, Pastor

Shannon LeMaster-Smith, Minister of Discipleship - Children, Youth & Outreach

Julie Braswell, Church Administrator

Sarah Luhrs, Choir Director

John Coffey, Organist

Michael Roberts, Praise Team

Kristi Spencer, Communications

Melissa Ervin, Nursery Director

Kristi Harvell, Preschool Director

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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS  
BEGINNING AUGUST 13, 2018**

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**



JUST OLDER YOUTH

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. Program begins at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Devotion:** Rev. Lara "Willis" Greene

**Program:** Celebrating 2 Years of JOY with BINGO & lots more!

**LUNCH MENU:** Salad plate with egg salad, cottage cheese, peaches, sliced tomatoes and cake & ice cream. *RSVP to the church office (828-464-8422) by noon on Tuesday, August 7.*

For more info, call Bev @ 828-465-0481.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**JOY will have a  
VOLUNTEER MEETING  
THIS Tuesday, August 7 at  
2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

### HOSPITALITY HELPERS NEEDED FOR SOLDIER'S REUNION

We have an opportunity to extend hospitality to guests attending the Soldier's Reunion Parade on Thursday, August 16. We would like to offer the use of our restrooms in the administrative building & also hand out bottled water from 3-6 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. **Due to the new route for this year's parade, we WILL NOT be selling reserved parking spaces.** The parking lot will be open for guests, but may have limited access with the road closures.