

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Sanctuary Worship Services • 9:00 a.m.

As we gather to worship in reverence, please check all electronic devices prior to the beginning of the service.

Welcome

Prelude "Adorn Yourself, O Dear Soul" Johannes Brahms

Bringing of the Light into the Sanctuary

Opening Prayer

To you, O God, we lift up our souls. To you we offer our praise and prayer, our worship and thanksgiving, even our very lives. Make your ways known to us. Show us the path on which we should walk. For you alone are the God who saves, the God in whom we trust, and the One on whom we wait. Amen.

†**Opening Hymn** "Amazing Grace" #378

†**Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed #881

†**Scripture** John 10:7-11 NT103

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem "The Welcome Table" Joel Raney

†**Doxology** #95

Message "The Abundant Life" Mark Reedy and the Graduating Seniors

Holy Communion UMH p.12

†**Closing Hymn** "The Old Rugged Cross" #504

†Benediction

†Carrying of the Light into the World

†**Postlude** "Prélude in E Minor" J.S. Bach

(please remain in place until the Postlude is finished)

†Please stand as you're able.

BY OUR SERVICE:

Lay Liturgist: Mark Reedy

Greeters (9 a.m.): Ronnie Vinson

Gathering Greeters: Katie Sumner

Ushers: Larry Rhodes, Doug Jones, Harold Masengil, Chris Trew

Acolytes: Georgia Sumner & Abby Rucker

Pew Keepers: Catherine Keith Circle

Offering Counters: Shane Williams & Jeff Walker

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Cynthia Wilson and Becky Simpson in loving memory of their beloved uncle, Lowry Powell, and cherished cousin, Janet Baker Rollins.

Join us on a weekend mission trip to Jubilee Project in Sneedville, TN on May 19-21. We will be doing some painting and light construction work, so anyone can participate. Connect with Pastor Melissa if you're interested in going. Come serve with Keith!

Adult Fellowship will be held on Monday, May 8, at 6pm in the Gathering. Pat Chester and David Pierce are hosting. Tristen Rowland will be bringing students from MCHS to sing selections from their latest production, The Addams Family, which was performed last week — you don't want to miss it. Come and enjoy a night of singing, food, and fellowship!

The Susanna Wesley Circle invites all to join them on Tuesday, April 9 at 10am in Ensminger as they welcome Norm Beeler to discuss the Shower Bus Ministry. Mr. Beeler has converted a vehicle to offer hot shower to the homeless population in our community. He will be offering a tour of the bus and giving a message about its impact.

JUNE 25-JUNE 30

WE'RE LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES!

If you are able to host Camp In The Community staff for the week, please contact Reagan.

THIS IS VITAL TO CITC'S MINISTRY AND ALLOWS THEM TO PROPERLY WORK!

INFORMATION & RESPONSE CARD

WELCOME!

ARE YOU VISITING WITH US TODAY?

Tell us about your visit by completing this card and placing it in a basket by the door. For additional information about Keith Memorial United Methodist Church, stop by our Welcome Tables located outside the sanctuary and The Gathering. Also, visit us on social media or on our website, keithumc.org.

NAME: _____

Please circle one:

VISITOR

FIRST TIME GUEST

TODAY I ATTENDED: ___ 9 A.M. SERVICE - SANCTUARY

___ 11 A.M. SERVICE - GATHERING

I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONTACTED BY:

___ PHONE ___ EMAIL ___ MAIL

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

PRAYER REQUESTS

To share prayer concerns with the pastors or Wednesday Prayer Group, please complete this card and place it in the basket.

Please share this information:

_____ In the church bulletin

_____ With pastor only

_____ With the Thursday Prayer Group only

An Update from the Moving Forward Committee

The Moving Forward Committee met on Sunday, April 23. We discussed the fact that 264 Holston churches chose to disaffiliate at a special session of the Annual Conference on Saturday, April 22. While this is a significant number of churches, 79% of conference membership remains. The Moving Forward team heard from individuals who attended this meeting and was able to ask questions about their experience.

At this point, the Moving Forward team has affirmed our decision to wait until the General Conference meeting in Spring 2024 to make any decision related to disaffiliation. We continue to be in touch with District and Conference leadership about disaffiliation and how it would impact our congregation. As we await a decision from General Conference, we continue to listen and stand ready to help in any way possible. We ask three things:

Continue to **PRAY** for God to lead Holston Conference and Keith Memorial UMC through these challenging days. While it is discouraging to hear news regarding the split of the United Methodist Church, please don't react in fear. Hold onto faith that God is leading us in new ways.

TALK with Pastor Melissa or any member of the Moving Forward Committee about questions you may have. We are ready and willing to speak to any individual or small group about the issue of disaffiliation. Please reach out for clarification instead of sharing information that may be false.

ATTEND a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 11 at 6:00pm in the Gathering. This will be after the Holston Annual Conference meets. We will look at the future of Keith Church's ministry and give updates on the Conference and the Moving Forward Committee. No decisions will be made at this meeting, but we will try to answer any questions you may have.

Keith Moving Forward Committee

Melissa Smith, Mark Reedy, Scottie Mayfield, Bo Perkinson, Ginger Robinson, Pat Chester, Rick Lay, Sarah Prince, Ann Davis, Carter Runyan, Carole Cinci, Abbie Burke, Ronnie Vinson, Sarah Thomas, Jeff Walker, Bill Tindell, Terry Stansell, and Jeff Cunningham

Remember in Prayer

THOSE HOSPITALIZED • THOSE GRIEVING • HEALTH CARE WORKERS • FIRST RESPONDERS • THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Dave Adams
Marc Adams
Cody Arbuthnot
Graham Archer
Mark Bandy
Jake Barnett
Helen Bender
Harriel Blair
Savannah Passmore Blair
Christy & Robby Brisbane
Nettie Brown
Wayne Cagle
Rob Camper
Tony Cardin
Brenda Clanton
Jeff Clark

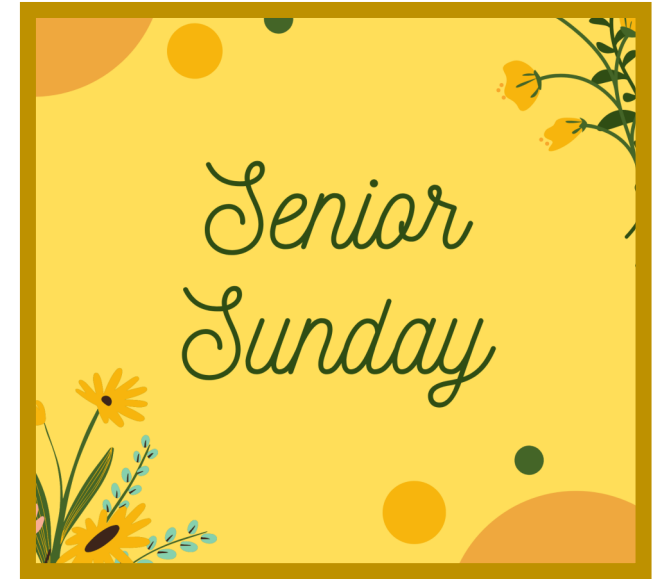
Liz Davis
Family of Sharon Davis
Family of Peggy Dover
Linda Duggan
Dwain Ealy
Jeff Elrod
Holly Enten
Norbert Hashe
Terry Keeble
Derek Keith
Ken Kelly
Susan Kelly
John Powers
Georgia Lamb
Polly Liner
Family of Gaylord Lyon

Ken McGrew
Alesia McNeely
Joe Meade
Jane Mucklow
Sam Natter
Eliana Parris
Nancy Perdue
Jace Pratt
Paul Pratt
Mildred & Jerry Prince
Joe Rainey
David Reese
Ada Robinson
Judy Sullins
R.C. Truelove
Nate Wood



Weekly Calendar: May 7 - May 14

Sunday:	9 a.m.	Sanctuary Worship Service
	11 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service
Monday	6 p.m.	Adult Fellowship (The Gathering)
Tuesday:	8 a.m.	Yoga, Gym
	7 p.m.	Al-Anon
Wednesday:	6 p.m.	Children, Middle School, and High School Youth
	6 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9:30 a.m.	In-person Prayer Group, Conference Room
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	11 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service



Keith Memorial United Methodist Church

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:
SENIOR SUNDAY

MAY 7, 2023



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Pastor: Melissa Smith
Music Directors: Andrew & Abbie Headrick
Contemporary Worship Leader: Josh Stephens
Organist: Tristen Rowland
Youth Director: Mark Reedy
Children's Director: Reagan Kelly