



EMERGING WORSHIP

**February 11 @ 9:30 a.m.
Wesley Hall**

Rhythms of the Soul Worship Series
**"Freedom of Tolerance and
The Cup of Blessing"**
by Rev. Julie Kline

"I am in prison because I belong to the Lord. Therefore I urge you who have been chosen by God to live up to the life to which God called you. Always be humble, gentle, and patient, accepting each other in love. You are joined together with peace through the Spirit, so make every effort to continue together in this way. There is one body and one Spirit, and God called you to have one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. There is one God and Father of everything. He rules everything and is everywhere and is in everything." Ephesians 4:1-6 (NCV)

"I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord." Psalm 116: 13

Through the "Rhythms of the Soul" worship series we have claimed the power to move forward, to sing, to follow, to rise again, to love all people, bring healing and be opened. We lift the cup of blessing, the cup of salvation, the cup of freedom so that all may be filled with the freedom of the Spirit of God that brings abundant living to all. This cup of freedom calls us to one hope that embraces tolerance, understanding and compassion. In Jewish life, the cup and the sharing of it, are a rich symbol of unity and blessing. In this time of worship we will name our cup of blessing, lift our cup of blessing, and drink deeply of the one Spirit that calls us towards tolerance.

Chili & Soup Cook-Off
SUNDAY, February 18 @ 12:15
Wesley Hall
*A fund raiser for our 2018 Appalachia
Service Mission Trip to Tennessee*



Can the winners from last year hold on to their gold and silver ladles?! (See photo below of the 2017 winners!) It is all up to the people of First UMC.

Please plan to join us for our Chili & Soup Cook-off following the 11 a.m. worship. This "fun" raiser is to support our summer mission trip with the Appalachia Service Project. We will have a variety of soup and chili to taste, along with corn bread and desserts. Come sample several soups and chili and then vote with your donation to the one that you think wins the chili/soup cook-off. The soup or chili that receives the highest donation in their basket will be declared the winner!



2017 winners
Hannah Koshar - silver

It's all for the good cause of helping to make homes warmer, safer, and drier.

Major Outreach Project Exploratory Team welcomes your participation by Mark Oudersluys, Outreach Team Chair

At this year's annual conference, the congregation unanimously past a motion to form a broad based team to examine the needs within our community and bring back to the congregation suggestions about how FUMC could address those needs. The church would like to raise approximately \$1,000,000 over the next several years to address the local needs which have been identified. We would like to encourage individuals to join the team, to date we have had 20 individuals indicate an interest and we are looking for an additional five to ten individuals. If you are interested, please contact either Pastor Steve Charnley or Mark Oudersluys. Or sign up on the sheet at the welcome center. **The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 19 at 7 p.m.**