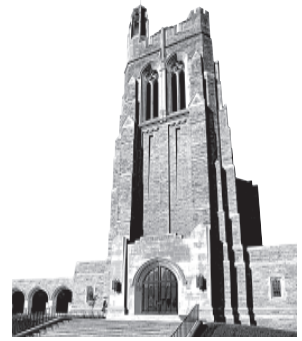


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FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



• **Sunday, March 14**

Worship

8:30 & 11 am

"Pilate, the Willing Tool"

Mark 15: 1-15

Rev. Andy Ferguson

• **Wednesday, March 17**

Community Lenten Service

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
(414 W. Vine Avenue)

12 noon - Lunch follows the service

• **Thursday, March 18**

Vespers

5:45 pm – Chapel

Chuck Jones

Community Worship

6:30 pm – CLC 120

Rev. Darryll Rasnake

Sunday, March 21

Service of Healing & Forgiveness

7 pm - Chapel - Rev. Jan Buxton-Wade



Sunday Supper

5:15 to 6 pm • Parish Hall

\$5 (12 & up) • \$3 (for kids)

See ya
at Supper!

Menu:

Mini-Meatloafs, Mashed Potatoes
& Gravy, Green Peas & Carrots,
Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit & Cookies

Always...Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches

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Please give to "One Great Hour of Sharing" March 14

This Sunday's special offering, *One Great Hour of Sharing*, enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to live out its mission to alleviate human suffering around the world. UMCOR responds to natural and human-made disasters – those interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. We urge you to donate to UMCOR during the offering on **Sunday, March 14**.



Note: Most Church Streeters know that all donations for specific assistance (such as earthquake relief in Haiti or Chile) are forwarded for UMCOR use in the affected area. Since, however, UMCOR does not receive World Service funds or any other apportionments and must use all donated funds for relief efforts, its costs of doing business must be totally underwritten by the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering pays for day-to-day operations, salaries, etc. of UMCOR, as well as covering the cost of assistance for those "smaller disasters" when a special offering is not taken. *Please give generously on March 14.*

Spirit Adventure plays are published in new book

Ask most elementary children at Church Street which Sunday morning class they like the best, you will probably hear them respond, "Miss Laura's!"

Miss Laura is Laura Still, a poet, playwright, and teacher who has led the drama workshops in our Spirit Adventure Sunday school for all eight years of its existence. Not only does Laura teach, but she also writes all of the original dramas our children perform each Sunday.

Acts of the Apostles (which also happens to be the name of our drama room) is Laura's recently published book, highlighting all the biblical plays she has written to help children. Now children everywhere can learn the many stories of the faith in timely, humorous, and heartfelt ways.

We congratulate Laura on this achievement and are proud to be the ones who experienced her talent first!

Holy Land Trip Interest Meeting planned for March 21

Rick and Sue Isbell are planning another trip to the Holy Land in early 2011 and are inviting Church Streeters to join them in exploring this special land where Jesus walked.

Fourteen persons attended the first interest meeting on March 1. If you were

unable to attend that meeting and are still interested in finding out information, another meeting is planned for Sunday evening, **March 21**, at 7 pm in room 204.

Please join Rick and Sue as they share details such as dates, costs, travel, itinerary, etc. No commitments needed.

It's Easter Lily time!

\$12 each - Chapel hallway



A favorite Church Street tradition, Easter lilies are ordered in honor or in memory of friends and family. **Make your orders in the Chapel hallway on Sundays, March 14 and 21 or call Doris Lively at 521-0271 by noon on Monday, March 29.** NOTE: No orders will be taken on Palm Sunday. The Easter lily listing will be printed in the March 30 *Messenger*.



Don't forget to "spring forward" before going to bed on Saturday, March 13!

Muslim/Christian Dialogue is March 18

Everyone is invited to attend this gathering in room 204 on Thursday, March 18, at 7 pm.

Have You Served God Today?

Census Tidbit: What's in it For You?

EYE! As members of this faith-based community and the communities in which we live and work, each of us has a lot at stake as we prepare to complete our 2010 Census form. By participating, we can affect the quality of life in our community for the better.

Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local and tribal governments based on census data – funding for new roads, schools, hospitals and to enhance important community programs. Faith organizations like ours use census data to apply for grants that fund programs and initiatives that are important to our community.

When received, please complete and mail back your form and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. For more information, visit 2010census.gov.

Support church playground renovations!

Volunteers needed to help park cars March 19-21

Volunteers are needed to help park cars for the upcoming Women's Today Expo, across the street at the Convention Center. To volunteer or for more details, please contact Beth Cooper-Libby at 524-3511 or bclibby@churchstreetumc.org.

The Power of Forgiveness...coming April 11

This film, *The Power of Forgiveness*, will be shown at Church Street on Sunday, **April 11**, at 4 pm in East Parish Hall. A panel will discuss the film following Sunday supper. NOTE: The film received the best documentary award at the 2007 Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival.

Mark your calendars now and join us on April 11.

Thanks to Martha Greene!



Martha Greene is moving to Oklahoma to be closer to her sons. An active Church Streeter, Martha spent many years as a volunteer before officially joining the church staff as secretary 5 years ago. We wish Martha the best in her retirement and thank her for her years of service to Church Street!

Blood Drive donations still being taken

Church Street adults can still donate blood at MEDIC through March 23 with the church "getting credit" for this important donation. Thank you in advance!

CHURCH STREET UMC CALENDAR: MARCH 14-20

WORSHIP

Morning Worship
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice!
Sunday, 8:30 am (WVLT-TV)
Sunday, 10 am (WVLT2)
Community Lenten Service
Wed., 12 noon
Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church
Vespers
Thursday, 5:45 pm, Chapel
Community Worship
Thursday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120

Sunday School • 9:40 A.M.

MUSIC

Youth Choir Practice
Sunday, 4 pm, Choir Room
KinderSingers
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 214
1st & 2nd Grade Choir
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 301
Boy-Girl Choir
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 201
Adult Handbell Practice
Sunday, 7 pm, rm 308
Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Room

LEISURE ACTIVITIES & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Supper
Sunday, 5:15 to 6 pm, Parish Hall
Body Recall
Mon., Wed., Fri., 1 pm, Gym
Bridge: Mon., 6:30 pm, rm 306
Yoga: Mon. & Thurs., 7 pm, rm 306
Dance Lessons - Swing
Mon., 7 pm, Beginning, Gym
Mon., 7 pm, Intermediate, CLC 11
Dance Lessons - Ballroom
Wed., 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Gym

CHILDREN

Children's Gym Time
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
God's Gang (1st & 2nd grades)
Sunday, 4:45 pm, rm 214
Twizzlers (3rd - 5th grades)
Sunday, 4:45 pm, rm 313

YOUTH

Nightlife Volunteers Mtg
Sunday, 4:30 pm, CLC 14
Nightlife: Sunday, 5:45 pm, CLC
Youth Band Practice
Wednesday, 6:30 pm, CLC 15

PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Faith & Films (Jones)
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 119
Jesus in the Gospels (Isbell)
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 202
New Testament Letters (Wender)
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
Financial Peace University
Sunday, 4 pm, CLC 120
Men's Book Study
Sunday, 5:30 pm, rm 103
"24 Hours That Changed the World"
Lenten Series
Sun., 6 pm, rm 118 (Rasnake)
Mon., 6 pm, rm 118 (Moody)
Wed., 7 pm, rm 204 (Ferguson)
Solo Flight (single parent support grp)
Sunday, 6 pm, rm 119
Spanish Class (District-sponsored)
Tuesday, 7 pm, CLC 11
Midweek Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 202
Centering Prayer & Meditation
Wednesday, 6 pm, Chapel
Disciple I Bible Study (Jones)
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 118
Bread in the Wilderness Study (Jones)
Thursday, 7 pm, rm 119

MEETINGS

Stephen Ministry Supervisory Group
Sunday, 2 pm, CLC 122
Finance Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204
Community/Global Missions
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, CLC 120
Staff-Parish Relations
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
Muslim/Christian Dialogue
Thursday, 7 pm, rm 204

SINGLES

Singles Caring Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, CLC 124
Singles Service Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, CLC 124
Rebuilding Workshop
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 103
Thursday Nights Together, 6:15 pm
Dinner & Program, Parish Hall
Friday Games Night
Friday, 6:30 pm, Gym & CLC 124

Faith & Film:

Gung Ho (1988 - PG13)



“Reflections....on the Bible...our story!

– Andy Ferguson, senior pastor

For most of us, the Bible is the oldest book in the house. We go on and on about a story that happened 2000 years ago (or more) and act like knowing this story will make the difference between life and death. At the same time everyone knows that each of the Biblical writers put their own spin on their part of the story. In a world of spin-masters where facts are only what you make of them, what makes the Biblical story so important?

Just this: the Biblical story connects us with the Creator of the Universe. The Biblical story begins – not just at creation – but with the God who created. It also speaks of the intention of this Creator. The Big Bang theory and evolution theories help by explaining the how of creation. The Biblical story tells us the who and why of creation.

The Biblical story teaches us how to speak of this connection between humanity and the Creator. Oddly, the Bible does not use the cold language of a specification sheet or a cookbook. It uses the warm language of praise, of commitment, and story to speak of this connection. It uses the invitational language of repentance and return to speak of relationship.

REFLECTIONS

The Biblical story finds implications in this connection between the Creator and humanity to show us how we are connected to one another and to the earth. We are created like all the rest of creation; our ancestor was tasked with naming the creatures of the earth to teach us of our care for them.

From the beginning, we are made to be connected.

In Lent, we find the story of Jesus and his passion. It is the story of God’s passionate love for humanity and all the earth. It is the defining story of God’s continued relationship with this creation. The Passion Story is the assurance that God still has business with this earth. As long as God has business with this creation, then there is hope for the future of planet earth.

I used to work with a youth director, who stayed in hot water most of the time. As we sat down in my office for yet another “come to Jesus meeting” about his latest escapade, I commented, “I guess you know what this is about.” He replied, “If you didn’t think there was hope for me, you wouldn’t bother with me.” So, it is with God who created and sustains the earth. The Biblical story is the assurance that God is still trying to help us get it right. It is God’s story and therefore it is our story.

Children’s Ministry needs Easter candy!

Thanks to the many donations last year, we do *not* need plastic Easter eggs; however, we **do need lots of small individually-wrapped candy pieces**, as well as small trinkets, to go in the eggs. Donations can be delivered to the church office.

FYI: This year’s egg hunt will be on Saturday, April 3, at Whitlow Park in Sequoyah Hills. The hunt begins promptly at 10 am.

Thanks for these donations to the Library

• *MacArthur Student Bible*...Given in memory of Gary Dugel...by Mary Dugel

• *Have a Little Faith*...Given in honor of Eric Dugel...by Vivian Kempfer

Recent gifts and other donations include:

• *Tragedy in Tin Can Holler, Montana Rose, The Husband Tree, Grace in Thine Eyes, A Promise for Ellie, The Parting, Ransom’s Honor, Theology of John Wesley, Scripture Way of Salvation, New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible (Vol. V)*

To find these and a variety of other books and materials, please visit the McCluskey Library in room 104.

News & Needs

Children’s News

- **Elementary children (& others):** Be sure and add your comments to the Lenten Journal on the bulletin board in the children’s hallway.
- **Twizzlers** will walk the Labyrinth on Sunday!

Youth News

- **Hey Youth!** Regular schedule for Nightlife Sunday evening. See ya there!
- **The Eleuthera spring break mission team** will have a team meeting on Sunday evening from 6 to 7 pm in the CollegeLife room (CLC 124). Note: All team members should attend (participants & parents!).

CollegeLife News

- **College Students:** To be added to the email distribution for the online *Word on the Street*, our way of sharing CollegeLife news, please contact John Shearer at jshearer2@comcast.net.

Young Adult News

- **The Gap Class** is collecting Snack Foods (cookies, crackers, chips, etc.) for Wesley House. Donations can be brought to the bin outside the church office. Questions?...Call J.R. Hertwig at 384-7049.

Singles News


- **Donations for “The Cart”** (which benefit Volunteer Ministry Center) continue with “Shampoo” as the item for March. The Cart is located outside Parish Hall.
- Call Chuck Jones at 521-0298 or pick up a copy of **SingleVision** from the church literature racks for a complete listing of opportunities & reservation information.

Web News

www.churchstreetumc.org

- To read *The Messenger* online, go to the *News & Events* category and select *Newsletters*. *The Messenger* is usually online by Wednesday afternoons.

Music News

 **Mass in G by Franz Schubert**
Sunday, March 21

The Parish Adult Choir, soloists and instrumentalists will present this timeless choral classic in both morning services.

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(865) 521-6336

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Stewardship

We will be loyal to The United Methodist Church and support it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness..

Our Prayers

In the hospital:

Parkwest: Jane Dudley, Martha Greene

Home from hospital:

Boots Shuman (to Hillcrest North), Shirley Smith, Lee Ford, Louis Browning (back to Shannondale Healthcare), Richard Remine (back to Shannondale Healthcare)

Christian Sympathy to:

the family of **Ira Floyd** upon his death on March 4.

Sarah Wimberly and family in the death of her cousin, Phyllis Ann Waites, on March 4.

Janice Britt and family in the death of her mother, Juanita Lewis, on March 8.

Our Presence

Sunday Morning Worship	709
Sunday School	526

Our Gifts

Operating Budget	\$58,704
Offering for Chile	\$1,838
Capstone Endowment	\$25
Other Designations	\$2,892

Our Church Family New Members - March 7

- **Cleve and Cara May** joined by transfer from First Centenary UMC, Chattanooga. Their daughters, **Emmaline** and **Becca**, are added to the Preparatory Roll.
- **Linda and Doug Spencer** joined by transfer from First Baptist, Knoxville.
- **Danielle Dimond** joined by reaffirmation of faith.

Altar Flowers for Sunday, March 14

- **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of her husband, James Newman, by Jacqueline Newman.

New Arrival



• **Elijah Franklin Lawhern** was born to Matthew and Diane Lawhern on Feb. 23.

Memorials in memory of

• Izzy Armbrister

Rejoice! TV Ministry: Elizabeth Reagon; *Soup Kitchen:* UMW Circle #4; *Congregational Care:* Bill & Sandra Roberts

• Helen Faulkner

Rejoice! TV Ministry: Randy & Denise Bryant, UMW Circle #4

• Ken & Peg Jamison

Soup Kitchen: From nieces: Linda, Karen, Patty and nephew, Bob

• Peg Jamison

Soup Kitchen: UMW Circle #4, John P. Miser, Charles & Lily Watson, Geraldine Reppert, Ouida Lowry, Charles & Lois Mossman, Bob & Jeanette Cockrum, Steven & Shirley Conley, Spencer & Kay Alfrey, David & Julie Lannom, Theodosia Smithson, Employees of USEC, Elizabeth Reagon, Janette Bingham; *Capstone Endowment:* Frances Bennett

• Bill Sarrett

Soup Kitchen: Bill & Sandra Roberts

• Robert (Bob) Siegmann

Music Fund: Eleanore Wolf, Chris & Lisa Doyle

Honoraria in honor of

• Mrs. Cheree Robinson

Congregational Care Special Fund: Rachel Cochran

• Helen Sharp

Kay Center Scholarship Fund: Roger & Remonda Alleyne

• Rev. Andy Ferguson, Rev. Cabel Trent, Rev. Jan Buxton-Wade

Pastors' Discretionary Fund: Doug & Elaine Batchelor

In Memoriam Ira Hardin Floyd

Joined: 12-12-71 • Died: 03-04-10

Altar Flowers for Sunday, March 7 (revised)

- **The Chancel Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Boyd Dudley by his family.
- **The Chapel Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Charlotte Nall Eddins by Rachel Nall Cochran.

STAFF (521-0 + ext.)

Senior Pastor	Andy Ferguson-260
Associate Pastor	Jan Buxton-Wade-278
Associate Pastor	Darryll Rasnake-279
Associate Pastor	Sarah Moody-263
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Director of Music Ministries	Tim Ward-276
Music Associate/Organist	Edie Johnson-277
Children's Director	Sue Isbell-282
ChildCare Coordinator	Jamie McKinney-290
Youth Director/Trav. Missions	Marc Gamble-287
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Receptionist	Brenda Flenniken-270
Secretary	Martha Greene-269
Sterchi Lodge Caretaker	Essie Burgin
Building Superintendent	Walt Sands-295
Custodians	Kevin Compton, Johnny Cox, Laurie Grooms, Crystal Mills

Knoxville District Coordinator of Latino Ministries
Jeanet Berruecos Xicohtencatl-292

MAIN OFFICE HOURS
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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After 3 short beeps, enter your phone number plus “#.” Hang up. A pastor will call you.



Lectionary Readings

• March 14

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

• March 21

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8