



## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, October 20

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

#### Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

*Firm in Faith*

Rev. Chuck Starks

Luke 18:1-8

### Wednesday, October 23

12 p.m. – Chapel

Rev. Chuck Starks

Lunch in Parish Hall at 12:30 pm (\$8.00)

Call 524-3048 to make a reservation.

### Bishop Lecture Series

**Oct. 19-20**

Join Church Street for Dr. Gerald Borchert in a 4-part series on the Book of Revelation (Parish Hall):

**Sat., October 19: 9:00 and 10:30 am**

**Sun., October 20: 9:40 am and 2:30 pm**

## HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET

### Behold & Be Bold! Join us for Commitment Sunday on October 27

Join us in this season of Stewardship by committing to be part of our beloved church's health and growth. Please take time to complete the **Prayer Request** form in your packet and let our clergy and prayer team know how we may best support you. Review and complete the **Lord, Here I Am to Serve Ministry Booklet** and consider how you will deepen your time and service with Church Street in the coming year. You can **make your financial commitment** at any time by visiting <http://bit.ly/csumc2020> (case sensitive), or by submitting the commitment card contained in your packet. **Commitment Sunday is on October 27.** Thank you for your many gifts to God's mission through Church Street.



### Last Call: Your Car or Truck Needed for Trunk or Treat!

We still need about 10 trunks! Please share the spirit of Halloween with our children by preparing your car or truck's trunk for our annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27! We still need a few cars to help make this evening a success. Plan to bring candy for approximately 200 children, and plan to join us for a potluck dinner that begins at 5 pm in Parish Hall! Email Katryn Bancroft at [kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org) if you would like to participate in this SPOOK-TAC-ULAR event for our kids!

### Service of Healing and Wholeness: October 27, 4 pm

The writer of the Epistle of James reminds us of the power of turning to the Lord in times of illness and unrest, and offers us the privilege of participating in healing prayers and anointing. Perhaps you are weary in mind and spirit, perhaps your physical challenges seem overwhelming, or maybe you feel the need to pray on behalf of a loved one, or on behalf of our broken world. If so, you may find this meditative Service of Healing and Wholeness helpful. Worship includes liturgy, prayers, blessing with holy oil, and the restorative music of Matthew Mimbs and Anne Jackson.



Join us on October 27 from 4-5 pm in the Chapel for this restorative time together and with God.

## TRUNK OR TREAT



Transform your TRUNK into a spook-ta-cular treat machine! Potluck Dinner, Car Decorating Contest, Candy, Games, a Movie, & Costumes!

**Sunday, October 27  
Parish Hall  
Beginning at 5 PM**

## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL



Volunteer at a Halloween Carnival for kids in our Vestal Neighborhood! Activities for Families, Food & Candy, Crafts, & more!

**Tuesday, October 29 Vestal UMC, Beginning at 5 PM  
Candy Donations also accepted!**

## Calendar: October 20 - October 26

### Worship

Worship  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave  
*Rejoice!* TV Broadcast  
Sunday, 8:00 am, WVLT-TV  
Midweek Noonday Service  
Wednesday, 12 pm, Chapel  
Lunch (\$8), 12:30 pm,  
Parish Hall

### Sunday School 9:40 AM

### Singles & Fellowship

Singles Council Meeting  
Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Offsite  
Bridge Group  
Monday, 6 pm, rm-201C  
Yoga  
Monday, 7 pm, rm-204  
Line Dance Lessons  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym  
Fourth Friday Game Night  
Friday, 6:30 pm, CLC-124

### Meetings & Ministry

Mix and Mingle  
Sunday, 9:30 am  
Welcome Center  
Bishop Lecture Series  
Sunday, 9:40 am & 2 pm  
Parish Hall  
Parish Health Team  
Sunday, 12:15 pm, Chiles Room  
Dr. Wender's Bible Study  
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm-204  
Benevolence Team  
Monday, 12 pm, Office  
Women's Bible Study  
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm-201A  
Pastor's Bible Study  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-204  
Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall  
Blessing of the Horses  
Thursday, 11 am, Offsite

### UMW

Service Circle  
Tuesday, 9:30 am, CLC-122

### Beacon of Hope

BOH Benevolence Team  
Tuesday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC  
BOH Sharing Shop  
Thursday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC

### Music

Parish Youth Choir  
Sunday, 4 pm, rm-306  
Kinder Choir  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-212  
Chorister Choir  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-306  
Primary Choir  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-304  
Parish Handbell Choir  
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm-304  
Parish Adult Choir  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-306

### Children & Youth

Open Gym  
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym  
Youth NightLife  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, CLC Lower  
Level  
Wesley House Tutoring  
Tuesday, 4:15 pm, Offsite  
Youth Band  
Wednesday, 6:15 pm, CLC Lower  
Level  
High School Prayer Breakfast  
Thursday, 8 am, Offsite  
Third Grade Bible Night  
Friday, 5:30 pm, Gym  
Gameday Parking  
Saturday, 8 am, Parking Lots

### Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit written articles and photos that you wish to be published in the next edition of *The Messenger* by **Fridays at noon to: [communications@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:communications@churchstreetumc.org)**



It would be easy for me to think of my time at Church Street in terms of the "big moments." There've been quite a few: my Baptism, Confirmation, and the graduation

dinner that bookended my time in the CSUMC youth group all come to mind, though that's hardly an exhaustive list. I'm drawn to these moments of accomplishment and transition because of the clarity and direction they give me as I continue to make sense of my own, as-yet-unfinished, story.

I've realized, though, that there's a danger to distilling our lives down to the "big moments." It can lead us to assume that what went on in-between them was just filler. Nothing could be further from the truth. What went on—

what's still going on—in these "gaps" is the most consequential material of all: formation. The jobs we work, the hobbies and volunteer activities that fill our spare time, and the people with whom we share our lives are all constantly contributing to our formation, even if we're seldom conscious of it in the moment.

Defining the stories of our lives in terms of formation is more difficult than dwelling on the "big moments," but there are two reasons why it's important for us to do so anyway. First, the big moments aren't causal; they're only the effects of formation. For me, there would have been no celebration dinner without the formative time spent in Church Street's youth group and youth choir, no Confirmation without the weekly learning done in Sunday



School, and no Baptism without the initiative of my parents. In each case, it was my commitment—or someone else's made on my behalf—to being formed through participation in Church Street's ministries that made the difference.

Second, becoming conscious of our formation allows us to think about the future in a more spiritually productive way. We can't know when the next "big moment" will come, but we can decide what we'll do tomorrow. Formation is ongoing, which means that each day brings a new invitation to become more attentive to the ways that God would like to form us. For the first eighteen years of my life, God formed me through the people and ministries of Church Street, and I daresay that God is looking to do the same with you.

**Submitted By Thomas Stubbs**



## CLERGY CONNECTION

### Together, Let's Think About... *Supporting Our Missionaries*

Too often when we think of our annual Stewardship campaign, we focus on what it takes to do ministry and maintain our church. Many times, when I look at the Mission budget, I forget that each line item represents incredible people and organizations doing great ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. Thankfully, our ministry partners are eager to share the way that God is working in their midst.

One ministry that Church Street helps to support through our Mission budget is Willow United Methodist Church in Willow, Alaska. Pastors Joe-d and Christina Dowling-Soka are transplants from the Holston Conference who followed God's call to serve Willow UMC as a missional outpost. Willow UMC operates a Community Food Pantry that serves around 160 families a month and supplies weekend food to 25 children

during the school year. As wildfires plagued the community of Willow in August, Willow UMC opened its doors to serve as a Disaster Assistance Center to serve many of the 52 families who lost their homes. Willow UMC has been able to feed and clothe their neighbors, provide firewood, offer Vacation Bible School, and help their community recover from wildfires because of the connection of the United Methodist Church.

On their own, Willow UMC is not able to support financially a full-time pastor, except through missionary support from congregations like Church Street. Because of your stewardship, we are able to help missionaries in Willow, AK, and South Sudan make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation



*Pictured above is a typical worship service at Willow UMC in Alaska.*

of the world. **Behold** the wonderful things we can do through our United Methodist connection, and **Be Bold** in pledging to continue supporting our amazing missionaries!

— Rev. Palmer Cantler

### Bells and Ribbons!

On All Saints' Sunday, November 3, the church will celebrate its saints with bells and ribbons! A **tintinnabular** (an implement for the ringing of bells, pictured at right) was created in 2017 for the opening procession during our services of worship. In coming weeks, parishioners will have had the opportunity to select a bell and write the name of a particular saint in their lives (whether a church member or not) on the accompanying card. Over 400 bells thus far have been sewn into place on the ribboned banner. The initials of the deceased will be attached to bells, and the full name of each saint is permanently recorded on one of the streamers. Beginning this Sunday, October 20, look for the bells in the Chapel Hallway (across from the Prayer Room near the Nave) and record the name of your deceased loved one. If you have questions or desire to email an individual name, contact Rev. Jan Wade at [jbwade@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:jbwade@churchstreetumc.org); all requests must be received by Wednesday, October 30.



All Saints' Sunday, November 3

## REQUIEM

*by John Rutter*

presented by the Parish Adult Choir  
and Instrumentalists

8:30 & 11 a.m. in the Nave

## Memorials

*In memory of:*

- **Linda Carder**  
*Stephen Ministry:* Bob & Barbara Paulson  
*Music Ministry:* Verna McLain  
*Capital Campaign:* Janice Hixson, Larry & Loretta Best
- **Ron & Gwen Kyle**  
*Youth Ministries:* Barna & Mary Ann Gibson
- **Mary Nell Tarpley Baker**  
*Memorials:* Jeffrey and Elizabeth Bailey
- **Jack Brooks**  
*Master Arts:* Sue Hung
- **Bob Johnson**  
*Master Arts:* Sue Hung
- **Jim Lees**  
*Master Arts:* Sue Hung
- **Michael Ford**  
*Master Arts:* Josephine Wiegiers
- **Jantina Tallman**  
*Capital Campaign:* Gloria Gaskin, Larry & Loretta Best, Lee Patton, Beth McConnell
- **Dr. George Wiegiers, Jr**  
*UMCOR:* Josephine Wiegiers
- **Congregational Care Committee**  
*Rejoice TV:* Josephine Wiegiers
- **Jean Clendenen Brown**  
*Capital Campaign:* Janice Hixson

## Our Prayers

### *In the hospital*

Zola Morris: Ft. Sanders

### *Home from the hospital*

Gene Flinter  
Katie Logan

### *Christian love and sympathy to:*

The family of Jantina Tallman, who died on October 10.

The family of Cindy Cox Robinette, who died on October 10.

The family of Elizabeth (Betty) Johns Akers, mother of Dr. Don Akers, who died on October 12.

### **Our Presence: October 13**

Sunday School 248  
Sunday Worship 499

### **Our Gifts: October 13**

Operating Budget \$39,681.00  
Building Fund \$424.00  
Other \$19,822.86

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 9/30/2019

Look for this information each month in the *Messenger* to stay updated on our financials.

Expected Contributions,

Year to date: \$1,519,219

Received Contributions,

Year to date: \$1,413,713

Shortfall \$105,506

# GIVE PLUS+

### Give Plus App

It's easier than ever to tithe and give to Church Street. In three steps, you can download, set up, and give directly from a secure mobile giving app. Please search for the GivePlus app in your App Store or Google Play, select Church Street UMC, and begin your donation.

## Our Church Family

### IN MEMORIAM

## Jantina Tallman

Joined: 2/22/1959 Died: 10/10/2019

## Cindy Cox Robinette

Joined: 4/4/1971 Died: 10/10/2019



## Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Lyla Boehms by Mr. Jim Boehms and James and Mary and John and Suzette.

## Honorariums

*In honor of:*

- **Marion Bloomer**  
*Capital Campaign:* Janice Hixson

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### October 20

Jeremiah 31:27-34  
Genesis 32:22-31  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

### October 27

Joel 2:23-32  
Sirach 35:12-17 or  
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

You are invited to join the Pastor's Bible Study to follow the lectionary, each Wednesday at 7 pm, rm-204.

## Contact Us

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Children's Ministry Katelyn Bancroft–282

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Church Administrator Kate Spencer–268

Bookkeeper Francine Jenne–267

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Executive Secretary Doris Lively–271

Receptionist Nancy Keen–259

Part-time Secretary Eileen Weber–278

Director of Communications Katie Strangis –299

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