



Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, November 10

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

The Energy in Encouragement

Rev. Chuck Starks

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 (NIV)

Wednesday, November 13

12 p.m. – Chapel

Rev. Andy Ferguson

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

Call 524-3048 to make a reservation.

November Singles Events

Lunch Bunch

Sunday, November 10, about 12:30 pm

Lakeside Tavern, Concord Park

FOCUS: Fellowship, Outreach, Christian Unity, Singles

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:15 pm,

Fieldhouse Social at University Commons

Fourth Friday Game Night

Friday, November 22, 6:30 pm

CLC-124

Bridge, Yoga, and Line Dancing each week!

See calendar on page 2 for times.

HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET

Celebrating our Strengths, Discerning Our Future Listening and Learning Circles: Nov. 22-24

As a congregation, we have the opportunity to remember our strengths and share honest reflection on where we are as a church and what we want for our future. Sign up for one hour-and-a-half listening and learning circle with Dr. Craig Gilliam and Rev. Stephanie Hixon of Gilliam and Associates. They will facilitate our conversations (among laity only), help us remember and equip our strengths, and identify the challenges that we face. They will share the results with the congregation in early 2020, which will help us prepare for our future. Sign up for one of the following times using either the worship folder paper insert, the link sent in the weekly announcement email, the link on the Church Street website homepage, or by visiting this URL: <https://bit.ly/talktous19> (case-sensitive).



Listening Circle Times:

Friday, Nov. 22: 2 pm

Saturday, Nov. 23: 10 am, 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm 4:30 pm

Sunday, Nov. 24: 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm - YOUTH only at 5:30

Mix and Mingle - This Sunday after 8:30 Worship

Hosted by the Hospitality Committee, all are invited to the Welcome Center to enjoy fellowship together before Sunday School and the Bishop Lecture Series with Jennifer Berry Hawes commence. Join us!



Jennifer Berry Hawes Discusses *Grace Will Lead Us Home* This Sunday

Join us for this three-part series in Parish Hall, as Pulitzer Prize winner Jennifer Berry Hawes takes us through the events and aftermath of the 2015 mass shooting at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. **Lecture Times - 9:40 am, 12:45 pm, 2:00 pm. You do not need to register for the lectures - all are welcome.** Ms. Hawes will sign books after the 9:40 and 2 pm sessions.



Volunteer at the Thanksgiving Basket Blitz!

Join us in four ways to support local neighbors in need:

1. Pick up / organize food on 11/20
2. Give \$55 to support one basket
3. Basket Blitz: 11/24 at 9:50 am (Gym)
4. Deliver Baskets after worship on 11/24



Contact **Jenny Cross** or **Katryn Bancroft** with questions!

Supports BOH, Wesley House, & Benevolence.

Calendar: November 10 - November 16

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

UMW

Circle #6
Monday, 1:30 pm, rm-103
Circle #10
Tuesday, 10 am, rm-204
UMW General Meeting
Tuesday, 11 am, Chapel
Circle #11
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-103

Music

Parish Youth Choir
Sunday, 4 pm, rm-306
Chorister Choir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-306
Primary Choir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-304
Kinder Choir
Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-212
Handbell Choir
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm-303
Parish Adult Choir
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-306

Meetings & Ministry

Mix and Mingle - All Invited!
Sunday, 9:30 am,
Welcome Center
Jennifer Berry Hawes,
A. Orin Bishop Lecture Series
Sunday, 9:40 am, 12:45 pm, &
2:00 pm, Parish Hall
Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm-204

Meetings & Ministry

Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 pm, Office
Sharing Shop
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 126
Congregational Care Meeting
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm-204
Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm-201A
Trustees
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm-201A
Adult Council
Wednesday, 6 pm, Chiles Room
Pastor's Bible Study
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-204
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

Beacon of Hope

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

Children & Youth

Open Gym
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
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
SLA
Friday, 6 pm (all weekend),
Offsite

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.

UMW In Remembrance Service

United Methodist Women's In Remembrance Service is Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 11:00 am in the Chapel. With thanks and the sharing of their stories, UMW remembers:

*Mary Baker
Zurma Henry Caldwell
Marylett Robertson*

World Thank Offering will be taken during the service. Luncheon (\$10) will follow the service in Parish Hall. Please contact the church office (524-3048) with reservations by Friday, November 8. If childcare is needed, contact Elaine Ralston (803-1637 cell or 966-7215 home) by November 5.



UMW Holiday Bake Sale & Service Circle Sale

When: Sunday, November 24, 8am - 12:30pm

Where: CLC Hallway

Proceeds will go to local mission projects of UMW.

It's not Christmas season just yet, but **Sunday, November 24th** the Service Circle will be having a sale in conjunction with the UMW bake sale. We will have quilts, baby gifts, Christmas placemats, and all sorts of "gifty" things sewn by Service Circle members. Come, shop, and support this ministry. All proceeds go to purchase supplies for...

- prayer shawls
- little dresses for Africa and Haiti
- bibs and lap covers for nursing homes
- fidget blankets for Alzheimers' patients
- walker and wheelchair caddies
- knitted caps for Children's Hospital and Willow UMC, Alaska

Behold & Be Bold! Return Commitment Cards

Please place completed Commitment Cards, Prayer Request Sheet, and *Lord, Here I am to Serve* Ministry Booklets in the black baskets in the Narthex, Chapel Hallway or Welcome Center.
Thank you for your gifts!



Beacon of Hope Food Co-Op Needs

**Condiments
Baking Supplies**
(e.g., flour, sugar, baking soda)

Thank you for contributing to our neighbors in the Vestal Community!

CLERGY CONNECTION

Together, let's think about...

The Future

"The United States is steadily becoming less Christian, and the number of people with no religion is rising." This was the headline from a Pew Research report released two weeks ago. It shows a dramatic decline in American religious habits over the last decade.

In a couple of weeks we are going to have a consultant here to ask us about the future of Church Street. I know many people think they know the problems that are causing our attendance to decline. Some believe it is the decision made by the General Conference regarding how the UUMC will be in ministry to LGBTQI people. Others think it's all the pastoral changes in recent years. Still others believe our problems stem from something internal. But I want to suggest, as we go into these listening circles, that we also consider looking through a wider lens than our local church, our conference, or even our denomination.

A few years ago, a colleague and I spoke at a national event on the future of the church. I was working for the General Board of Discipleship, and over the

years we had noticed some clear trends. Church attendance was rapidly declining in two parts of the country: the west and the northeast. Those churches that remained in these areas were trying to do ministry differently, in order to find ways to engage the masses of people who no longer trusted traditional religious institutions and who claimed to have no defined faith. People were doing very creative ministries, trying to reach those who had written off religion: setting up church in unconventional places, offering ministry that took the Good News to people wherever they gathered, and engaging in more interreligious and ecumenical attempts at talking to people about their faith.

At the meeting, my colleague and I told the packed room that we thought that this trend was soon going to hit areas of the country that have been strongholds of the Christian faith, especially the Bible Belt. It was only a matter of time. And we should prepare now, by looking for guidance from those in the west and the northeast who have been dealing with decline for two decades.

For generations Church Street has remained steady, seemingly untouched by what is happening in other places.

This is surely in part due to the excellent ministry at Church Street. But there are other factors that have kept Church Street strong. We have been able to replenish our pews from within, through multigenerational families. And we are located in the Bible Belt.

But it seems to me, looking through this much wider lens, that as we think about our church and its future, we might need to consider the cultural changes that are happening around us. There's not much we can do about trends. But we can do something about how we attract people to Church Street and do ministry. I hope as you go to your listening circles later this month, you will take with you into the room an open mind and a wide vision of what ministry could look like in the decades to come at Church Street.

Go forward with open hearts, trusting that God alone will guide us into a future with hope.

— Rev. Dawn Chesser

You can sign up for a listening circle on November 22, 23, or 24 by using the worship insert on Sunday, or using the ways on the front page of this Messenger.

Holiday Events

Sunday, November 24, 9:40 am
Thanksgiving Baskets
Packing Blitz

Sunday, November 24, 8 am
UMW Bake Sale

Sunday, December 1, 5 to 7 pm
Advent Craft Festival &
Shop the World Gifts
Market

Wednesday, December 4, 12 pm
Prelude, 11:40 am
Advent Noonday
Service

Saturday, December 7, 11 am
UMW Christmas
Program & Luncheon

Sunday, December 8, 8:30 and 11 am
Children and Youth
Choirs Present Advent &
Christmas Music

Sunday, December 8, 9:30 am
Families Trim the Tree

Tuesday, December 10, 5 to 7 pm
Vestal UMC
Beacon of Hope
Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 11, 12 pm
Prelude, 11:40 am
Advent Noonday Service

Thursday, December 12
7:30 pm, Nave
Ticketed Dinner at 6:00, Parish Hall
Master Arts Series
Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15, 8:30 and 11 am
Parish Adult Choir
Presents Christmas
Lessons & Carols

Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 pm
Community School of
the Arts Holiday Concert

Wednesday, December 18, 12 pm
Blue Christmas

Friday, December 20, 5 pm
Downtown Church Tour

Sunday, December 22, 9:30 am
Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24
Noon
3:00 PM - Family Service
5:30 PM
10:30 PM

Candlelight Communion
Services in the Nave



Our Prayers

In the Hospital:

Tom Parkhill: Island Home Health & Rehab:

Home from the Hospital:

Shirley Kanipes
Chandler Dukes
Julie and Claire Massie

Christian love and sympathy to:

The family of Dr. Lloyd Davis, Sr., who died on October 29.

The family of Bernard Roger Hall, father of Margaret Hall & Kate Crouse, grandfather of Shelby Berkley and Sarah Kinnaird, who died on November 1.

The family of Phyllis Degges, mother of Tom Degges, who died on November 2.

The family of Tom Walton, father of Monty Walton, who died on November 2.

Our Presence: November 3

Sunday School	264
Sunday Worship	686

Our Gifts: November 3

Operating Budget	\$49,003.65
Building Fund	\$292.00
Other	\$9,759.54

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 10/31/2019

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

Expected Contributions,

Year to date: \$1,641,685

Received Contributions,

Year to date: \$1,565,031

Shortfall \$76,654

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

Dr. Lloyd Davis, Sr.

Joined: 4/10/1960 Died: 10/29/2019

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Earl Pentecost**
Gardens: Bill & Brenda Griffith
- **Linda Miller Carder**
UMCOR: Len & Pat Bellingrath
- **Ron Kyle**
Youth Missions: Ann Marie Tugwell, Gordon & Nancy Ridenour
- **Zurma Henry Caldwell**
Memorials: Bruce Henry



Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Dorothy Bishop by her family.

LECTIONARY READINGS

November 10

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Job 19:23-27a

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 17

Isaiah 65:17-25

Malachi 4:1-2a

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

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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For emergencies, call the On-Call Number and the pastor on call will answer or you may leave a message and the pastor will return your call.

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Part-time Secretary Eileen Weber–278

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