



Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 12

*Baptism of the Lord
UMW Sunday*

Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave
The Ballad of Baptism
Rev. Jan Buxton Wade
Matthew 3:13-17

Wednesday, January 15

12 p.m. – Chapel
Rev. Chuck Starks
Lunch in Parish Hall at 12:30 pm (\$8.00).
Call 524-3048 to make a reservation.

Children's Worship is Changing!

Children, ages 4 through 2nd grade, will now return to their seats after Children's Moments during worship on Sunday mornings. To encourage their increased participation in worship services, children will be dismissed later in the service, following the offertory prayer.

 **OUR SHARING
SHOPS NEED YOU!**

Toilet Paper Drive

Donate Jan. 12!

HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET

Listening Circles Feedback Report: This Saturday

We had nearly 300 youth and adult members join in conversation with Dr. Gilliam and Rev. Hixon in November, plus another 90 persons offered online contributions after the weekend. Thank you to all for your participation. Now it's time to learn what was shared and begin to discern next steps. Craig and Stephanie will present their findings this **Saturday, January 11, at 3:00 pm**. A short social gathering open to all will

begin at 2:30 pm in the Welcome Center with coffee and cookies.

This report will not be shared with anyone prior to our gathering as a congregation. Afterwards, Craig and Stephanie will work with the church to identify a response to what is reported. Everyone - those who participated in a listening circle as well as those who did not - are invited to attend this report. **Please enter through the Welcome Center.**

UMW Sunday - January 12

Each year our church honors and celebrates our United Methodist Women (UMW) through UMW Sunday. The women participate in two worship services as a reminder of all that UMW stands for and accomplishes worldwide. Developing supportive fellowship has been one of the big successes for Church Street's UMW, with about 200 women meeting monthly in ten small groups or "circles".



As the largest women's faith-based organization in the world, UMW works on behalf of women and children to promote social and racial justice. In 2019, Church Street UMW pledged and gave **\$14,924** in support of missions around the globe. Locally, the unit raised **\$5,667** through its famous Holiday Bake Sale and parking lot fundraising. Wesley House, UMCOR, Sharing Shops, Church Street Preschool, Red Bird Mission, Freedom House, Susannah's House, Montgomery Village, Family Promise, Highlander Center and Beacon of Hope Food Co-Op are among the groups benefiting. Please join us in celebration of UMW on January 12!

Souper Bowl of Caring to Benefit Beacon of Hope Food Co-Op

On Sunday, February 2, Church Street will participate in tackling hunger: the Souper Bowl of Caring. Please join this effort to support our neighbors served at the Beacon of Hope Food Co-Op and bring canned food items that will help stock them throughout the year. This is a national effort to serve those facing hunger, with an immediate impact in our local community. Please share your donations in the Breezeway on **February 2** and give generously!



All are Welcome at Church Street!

We believe every person is of sacred worth and created in God's image. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, status, economic condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation. We respect diversity of opinion and expressions of Christian faith. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally! As God loves us, so let us love and serve in the name of Christ.

Calendar: January 12 - January 18

Worship

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

Sunday School 9:40 AM

Singles & Fellowship

Bridge
Monday, 6 pm, rm-201C
Yoga
Monday, 7 pm, rm-204
Line Dance Lessons
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Meetings & Ministry

Reconcilers Meeting
Sunday, 5 pm, CLC-120
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 pm, Office
Sharing Shop
Monday, 12 pm, CLC-126
Memorials Committee
Monday, 5:30 pm, rm-201A
Congregational Care Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm-201A
Missions Team
Wednesday, 6 pm, Chiles Room
Trustees
Wednesday, 6 pm, rm-201A
Pastor's Bible Study
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-204
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Staff-Parish Relations Committee
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm-201A

Children & Youth

Open Gym
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
NightLife
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Lower CLC
Youth Basketball
Sunday, 7 pm, Gym &
Monday, 6 pm, Gym
Wesley House Tutoring
Tuesday, 4:15 pm, Offsite
Youth Band
Wednesday, 6:15 pm, Lower CLC
High School Prayer Breakfast
Thursday, 8 am, Offsite

Beacon of Hope

BOH Benevolence Team
Tuesday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC
BOH Food Co-Op
Thursday, 9:30 am, Vestal UMC

Music

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

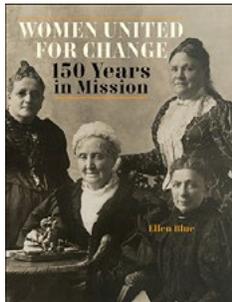
UMW

Circle #6
Monday, 1:30 pm, Chiles Room
Book Review
Wednesday, 1:30 pm, Chiles Room
Circle #10 - Jan. 14 Meeting CANCELLED

UMW News

UMW Book Review: January 15

UMW hit record numbers at its 2019 book reviews! Susan Dominick will lead us in discussion about the book *Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission*, by Ellen Blue. Join UMW for the discussion on **Wednesday, January 15 at 1:30 pm in the Chiles Room.**



Jubilation 2020 (20th Anniversary)

Jubilation began in 2001 with the vision to provide a ministry for older adults that nurtures spiritual growth, provides educational opportunities and ways to cope with life issues, promotes involvement in missions and enhances Christian fellowship. Jubilation celebrates its 20th anniversary this April 20-22 in Pigeon Forge. More information at Holston.org or pick up a flier in the church office. Registration is now open.

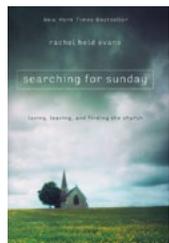


CONFIRMATION Adult Confirmation Fast Track

Rev. Rick Isbell will continue to explore Ways of Discipleship with the Open Door Class on January 12 in Parish Hall. In part one we looked at worship and devotion. In part two we will look at service as an expression of discipleship. Class members are asked to bring cooking oil, mayo and/or ketchup for the Beacon of Hope Food Co-Op. These lessons are a part of the Confirmation Fast Track for Adults series. You are invited to attend! Contact Barna Gibson with any questions.

Young Adults Book Club

Crafted for adults in their 20s and 30s, this book club will dive in and discuss the winter selection, *Searching for Sunday*, by Rachel Held Evans. The series will last approximately six weeks **beginning February 13**, and the group will convene at Schulz Bräu Brewing Company. If interested, or if you know someone



YOUNG
ADULTS
BOOK
CLUB

interested, please contact host Rev. Palmer Cantler, at 521-0298 or pcantler@churchstreetumc.org. Participants are responsible for their own books.

Year-Long Bible Challenge

Chapter Readings, January 13-19:

January 13: Genesis 37-39

January 14: Genesis 40-41

January 15: Genesis 42-44

January 16: Genesis 45-47

January 17: Genesis 48-50

January 18: Exodus 1-3

January 19: Exodus 4-6

CLERGY CONNECTION

Together, let's think about ... *Caring for Our Loved Ones*

According to the Alzheimer's Association, 5.8 million Americans currently have some form of diagnosed dementia. This number is expected to rise to 14 million by 2050. One in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or some other type of dementia. It is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States, ahead of breast and prostate cancer deaths combined.

Over 16 million Americans provide unpaid care to these many sufferers. At Church Street, we don't currently know how many of our members and constituents are suffering from dementia, either diagnosed or undiagnosed. Nor do we know how many are caring for someone with this devastating disease. But we want to know. And we want to help.

On February 15, Church Street will host an event to take some fresh steps in the ministry of claiming, connecting, and caring for our members and constituents with Alzheimer's and dementia, as well as those who are currently providing care for individuals affected by this disease.



The event is called **Memory Care and My Family**. It will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020, from 9 am-1:30 pm in Parish Hall. Dr. Monica Crane will be with us first, to help us better understand the medical dimensions and treatment options for the disease. Mr. Glen Kyle will follow with information on legal documents and decision-making. I will speak on the spiritual dimensions of caring for diagnosed patients and their caregivers and families as a community of faith, and help us to consider what current structures we have in place that could help, and what we might need to develop as this health crisis grows in the coming years. Finally, there will be a box lunch served and a panel discussion that will include members of Church Street who possess expertise in these areas and who are willing to serve as resources for our congregation.

There is no cost to attend; however, if you plan to join us for lunch and the panel discussion, you will need to make

a reservation and pay for your meal. We plan to serve soup and sandwiches. You can make your reservation and payment by scanning the QR code above. If you plan to attend but not eat or attend the panel, please contact me to let me know.

If you need assistance with the cost of your lunch, there are a limited number of scholarships available. Please email me at dchesser@churchstreetumc.org to make your confidential request.

Please plan to join us for this very important learning event. Perhaps even more important than the information that you will receive is the chance to connect with others in the congregation who are dealing with similar issues and decision-making on behalf of loved ones. These connections could become a lifeline for those who are struggling. We hope you will join us for this important conversation.

— Dawn

Contribute to the 2020 Lenten Devotional

You are invited to participate in this year's Lenten Devotional booklet, written by members of our congregation to be used as a spiritual practice in our walk with Jesus throughout the season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 26.

Each devotion is a short reflection of your thoughts, feelings and/or personal experiences pertaining to this season. This is a wonderful opportunity to remember what Christ has done for you and to share your love, hope and faith with others. These inspirational booklets are provided to our congregation and homebound members, and are offered to viewers of *Rejoice!*. They are a blessing to many.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the booklet will feature devotions for each Sunday in Lent and for each day in Holy Week, ending with Easter Sunday on April 12. Your devotion should include a title, a scripture verse reference, a devotion text of no more than 250 words, and a closing prayer. Devotions should be submitted to Barry Christmas at bearynoel@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, January 22. Artwork submissions are encouraged as well, preferably in black and white as a PNG or JPG file.



Family Promise: It's that time of year again for us to think about Family Promise! Through Family Promise, Church Street partners with Church

of the Ascension to host families currently experiencing homelessness. On the weeks we serve, dinners are needed on Monday and Tuesday evenings, as well as an overnight host on Friday as Church of the Ascension houses these families. This is an excellent way to serve as a Sunday School class, small group or UMW circle. Dinners should be child friendly and are an excellent way to spend time getting to know families experiencing homelessness. Overnight hosts stay at the church with the families to assist with any needs during the night. If you are able to serve or would like more information, please contact Rev. Cantler at 865-521-0298 or Susan Fowlkes at susanfowlkes1432@gmail.com.

2020 Dates:
Jan. 20-25
May 10-17
Sept. 6-13



Meet Church Street's Scholarship Musicians

Church Street has several Scholarship Musicians who assist with the total music program. All of these students sing in the worship choirs, and some assist with other choirs and help Edie at the organ. The students receive a stipend for their work as they gain experience in singing and musical leadership. **Interesting fact:** most of the students are products of the Church Street Music program!

The stipends are funded by the annual budget, along with generous endowment gifts from:

The McLain Family Music Endowment
 The Harriet Culler & William Paul Worley Music Endowment Fund
 The Rev. Cabel W. & Doris C. Trent Hymnody Endowment Fund

Listed as pictured above, beginning with bottom row, left to right.

Erin Gamble
 Applied Music & Psychology
Junior, UTK
Sings in Youth & Adult Choirs, Directs Kinder Choir and Assists with Children's Choirs

Shelby Berkley
 Choral Conducting
Graduate Student, UTK
Sings in Youth & Adult Choirs, Assists with Youth & Handbells

Maria Thompson
 High School Choral Scholar
Senior, West HS
Sings in Youth & Adult Choirs, Accompanies Kinder Choir

Taegun Harshbarger
 Accounting
Freshman, UTK
Sings in Youth & Adult Choirs

Connor Cowart
 Music Education
Freshman, Maryville College
Sings in Youth & Adult Choirs

Erin Johnson
 Music Education & Vocal Performance
Junior, UTK
Sings in Youth & Adult Choirs, Assists with Chorister Choir & Handbells

Justin Brueggeman
 Biochemistry / Pre-Med, minor in Organ Performance
Freshman, UTK
Sings in Adult Choir & Assists with Organ

Andrew Howard
 Supply Chain Management & International Business
Junior, UTK
Sings in Youth & Adult Choirs

Behold & Be Bold!

Stewardship Calendar of Events:

January

- **Behold Our Past and Imagine Our Future:** Listening Circles Feedback and Discerning What's Next for Church Street
- **Be Bold in Supporting Our Neighbors:** Mission projects – Toilet Paper Drive (Jan. 12) and Souper Bowl of Caring (Feb. 2)

February

- **Behold Opportunities to Extend Your Ministry:** Endowment and Planned Giving Education, Resources, and Opportunities
- **Be Bold, and Love Knoxville:** Small groups challenge to “adopt” a local community group and shower them with love

March

- **Behold and Be Bold – The Blessing of Providing for Neighbors in Need:** Missions Weekend 2020

April

- **Behold Our Natural Resources and Be Bold in Our Creation Care:** Celebrating Earth Day's 50th Anniversary

May

- **Behold Our Church Family and Be Bold in Our Thanksgiving:** Appreciation Celebration

June-July-August

- **Behold God's Presence in Our Children's and Youth Programming and Be Bold in Supporting Their New School Year:** Celebrations of our plentiful summertime activities for children and youth and bolstering the backpacks – *literal and spiritual* - of those headed back to school

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds for Year-Round Stewardship

Christian stewardship is something beautiful to behold. We've been given the opportunity to serve in many ways at Church Street. Being good stewards of God's resources is an integral part of that privilege and service.

Historically, we've limited our framing of stewardship. This year, the Stewardship Committee offers a challenge to our entire Church Street family to **BE BOLD**. Together, we will enrich our community, deepen our relationships, and extend our service within God's Kingdom.

Each September, we engage our financial stewardship emphasis. We ask you to share your prayer needs with our prayer team, and we ask how you'd like to engage with Church Street's missions and ministries in the year to come. This year, you have responded with true servants' hearts and are pledging your time, your talents, and your treasures to our beloved church home in new and important ways.

From January through August of this year, let's dream bigger! Let's strengthen our gifts to our church family and our local community. Stewardship of our resources can become a way of life, rather than a once-per-year subject of focus. The Stewardship committee has crafted a plan that we believe extends Church Street's work beyond our annual fall emphasis and invites us to grow in collaboration, service, appreciation and love, year-round. Please join us in these efforts (listed at left).

The goals are simple:

1. Celebrate stewardship and provide unique opportunities to act year-round
2. Establish better awareness of Church Street's missions and ministries in our local community through improved outreach efforts and service opportunities
3. Create a holistic view of stewardship that is accessible for and contributed to by all

To reach these goals, the Stewardship Team will invite speakers each month to give witnesses about our stewardship activities, to shine a light on the incredible work of our Church family serving in a variety of ways throughout the year. We will share information about speakers and events through normal methods of communication: the *Messenger*, weekly emails, posters and media boards, and Sunday announcements.

Of course, we already do some of these activities at Church Street, and some of them are new challenges. I'm excited for us to walk *together* through these important months ahead. Let's discover and celebrate *together* how God works within us and through us to strengthen our bonds with each other and our neighbors. God will help us make an even bigger impact in our community. Let's get to work!



Rev. Chuck Starks, on behalf of the Stewardship Team

Our Prayers

In the Hospital:

Sherrie Russell: UT
Shirley Kanipes: Parkwest
Susan Fowlkes: UT

Home from the Hospital:

Bob Paulson: Life Stages Rehab
Wilma Williams

Christian Love and Sympathy to:

The family of Lenore Karnis, mother of
Maggie Karnis, who died December 16.

Our Presence: January 5

Sunday School	654
Sunday Worship	304

Our Gifts: January 5

Operating Budget	\$44,306.67
Building Fund	\$170.00
Other	\$10,119.04

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE (as of 1/9/20)

2020 Pledges	284
<i>123 Increased Pledges</i>	

2020 Pledge Budget	\$1,750,000
<u>Current Amount Pledges</u>	<u>\$1,582,862</u>
Shortfall	\$167,138

If you have not made your commitment for 2020, please do so NOW! You may complete a pledge card, make a pledge online via our website or simply contact Kate at 865-521-0268 or kspencer@churchstreetumc.org.

Thank you for your very generous gifts to
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Memorials

In memory of:

- **Wanda Wilborn**
Building Fund: Dr. & Mrs. David Craig
- **Mike Ford**
Building Fund: Mr. & Mrs. Billy Roberts
- **Jantina Tallman**
Building Fund: Mr. & Mrs. Billy Roberts
- **Duane Johnson**
Building Fund: Mr. & Mrs. Billy Roberts

Honorariums

In honor of:

- **Dona McConnell**
Beacon of Hope: Green Meadow UMC
- **Rev. William Fowler**
General Fund: David & Jessica Maulick
- **Lynne Fugate**
General Fund: Holston Conference United Methodist Foundation



Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given by Nancy and Jim Carmon in memory of their parents Darrell and Mary Elizabeth Simmons and James, Jr. and Sara Carmon.

LECTIONARY READINGS

January 12

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

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Staff Directory

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Senior Associate Pastor	Dawn Chesser–279
Associate Pastor	Palmer Cantler–298
Minister of Spiritual Enrichment	Jan Wade–264
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	Rev. Andy Ferguson, 865-806-0086
	Rev. Jim Bailes, 865-919-8328
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Music Associate/Organist	Edie Johnson–277
Children's Ministry	Katryn Bancroft–282
Child Care Coordinator	
	Sarah Burtch, 865-567-0913
Youth/College Ministries	Jenny Cross–287
Preschool Director	Beth Libby: 524-3511
Church Administrator	Kate Spencer–268
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne–267
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods–262
Executive Secretary	Doris Lively–271
Receptionist	Nancy Keen–270
Part-time Secretary	Eileen Weber–278
Director of Communications	Katie Strangis –299
Sterchi Lodge Caretakers	
	Jack & Barbara Bratton, 828-622-3524
Maintenance Supervisor	Keith Bailey–295
Head Custodian	Jeffery Rose–274
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