

Worship

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 5

Epiphany Sunday

Worship with Holy Communion

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

The Big Reveal

Rev. Dawn Chesser

Matthew 2:1-12

Wednesday, January 8

12 p.m. – Chapel

Rev. Chuck Starks

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

Call 524-3048 to make a reservation.

New Year - Door Codes and Parking Stickers Reminder

The codes for door access that previously began with 19 **now begin with 20**. This affects all church committees, boards, non-church groups, and all other volunteer groups. The church office will include the door access code in meeting reminders sent via email. Please use the new code when you require access to the church. Youth and Children ministries - please be on the lookout for your new codes soon by email and text!

If you don't have a **church parking sticker**, please request one from the office. Passes aren't needed on Sunday mornings, but should be on cars during other times.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM CHURCH STREET!

Listening Circles Feedback Report: Saturday, January 11

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 on **Saturday, January 11, 2020 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. **Please contact Sarah Burtch by Jan. 5 if you will need childcare: 567-0913.**

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.

Thank You! Our thanks to all of the greeters, golf cart drivers, security volunteers, and ushers who made our Christmas Eve services special for both members and guests to Church Street! Our attendance on Christmas Eve was 1,955, and we are grateful to those who stepped up to welcome everyone to Church Street on this special occasion.



Photo provided by the Poveda Family.



OUR SHARING SHOPS NEED YOU!

Toilet Paper Drive

Benefits CS Sharing Shop and Beacon of Hope Sharing Shop.

Contribute on: **Sunday, January 12, 2020**

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.

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CHURCH STREET?

Calendar: January 5 - January 11

Worship

Worship with Holy Communion
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

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

Meetings & Ministry

Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 pm, Office
Properties Committee
Monday, 5:30 pm, rm-201A
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Murphy Builders Party
Saturday, 11 am, CLC-120
Celebrating Our Past, Discerning Our
Future Listening Circles Report
Saturday, 3 pm, Parish Hall
Coffee & Cookies at 2:30 pm

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,
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

Singles & Fellowship

Bridge Group
Monday, 6 pm, rm-201C

Music

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

UMW

Circle #11
Wednesday, 7 pm, Parlor

UMW News

Church Street United Methodist Women's Sunday is January 12

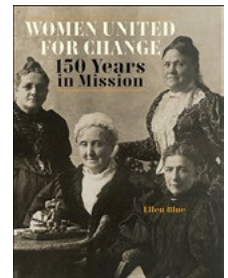
Each year our church honors and celebrates our United Methodist Women (UMW) through UMW Sunday. The women participate in two worship services as a reminder of all that UMW stands for and accomplishes worldwide. Developing supportive fellowship has been one of the big successes for Church Street's UMW, 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 and Beacon of Hope Food Co-Op are among the groups benefiting. Please join us in celebration of UMW on January 12!

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.**



Church Street will provide a comprehensive workshop for caregivers of loved ones with dementia on **February 15, 2020** in Parish Hall. We will cover the science of the aging brain and dementia, the legal considerations when the diagnosis is dementia, and caregiving from a spiritual lens.

Throughout the day, participants will have the opportunity to visit a number of resource tables from local organizations who work in this field and will be invited to ask questions of a panel of experts at the end of the day. Contact Rev. Dawn Chesser for more info: dchesser@churchstreetumc.org. A boxed lunch is included in the cost (\$12). Please reserve your space online at ChurchStreetUMC.org or by calling the office at 524-3048.



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

CLERGY CONNECTION

Together, let's think about ... *The Bible*

In her recent Advent devotional, Jenny Cross shared with us how important it was for her to read through the Bible in 2019. Each of us who has read through the Bible knows how true that thought is! And, yes, there are several approaches to the discipline of reading through the Bible in a year. Each has its advantages.

However, the most common approach is to simply begin with Genesis and read through Revelation. By reading a few chapters each day you can absolutely read the entire Bible in a year. You are likely to discover insights about who God is. And, if you will prayerfully continue to read, you are likely to find that the Bible will "read you" as you read it. How does this happen? The Holy Spirit will help you as you read.

You will begin to appreciate the prevailing passion of God with all of God's creation. You will gain insights

into who you are, what you do and why you do it. You will also receive greater clarity about God's desire and purpose for your life. Your understanding of things that are happening all around us in this world will increase. You will gain a greater awareness of the major themes that weave through each section and each book of the Bible from start to finish.

This opportunity is not about anyone else. It's about you deciding to receive the treasures of God. Or, you might think of the Bible as God's banquet feast that is offered to feed your soul. Or, you may decide that you simply want to accomplish this important step in your spiritual life. The point is simply this, there are many books we can read about the Bible; but, for the believer, there is only one book that is our Primary Source. You will never do this any younger than you are today. I heartily encourage you to do this... decide to read the Bible through in 2020. Look for your guide in the *Messenger* each week this year. Start with the readings at right.

God Bless you with an abundance of His Grace and Peace, and Happy New Year!

— Chuck

Chapter Readings, January 1 - 12:

January 1, Genesis 1-3

January 2, Genesis 4-7

January 3, Genesis 8-10

January 4, Genesis 11-14

January 5, Genesis 15-17

January 6, Genesis 18-20

January 7, Genesis 21-23

January 8, Genesis 24-25

January 9, Genesis 26-27

January 10, Genesis 28-30

January 11, Genesis 31-33

January 12, Genesis 34-36

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.

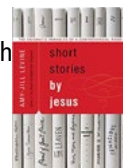
Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the booklet will feature devotions for each Sunday in Lent and for each day in Holy Week, ending with Easter Sunday on April 12. Your devotion should include a title, a scripture verse reference, a devotion text of no more than 250 words, and a closing prayer. Devotions 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.

Celebrating Our Great 90s!

2020 will be a great year to celebrate Church Street members who are 90 and older! We want to recognize their dedication and thank them for their service to Church Street. Many can no longer attend because of health and mobility issues, but we want them to know how important they are. Each month the *Messenger* will have a list of these members and their birthday. Please remember them in your prayers on their special day. Here are the "Great 90's" for January:

Pat Hunter - 1/1	Juanita Reynolds - 1/22
Herman Sain - 1/2	Jeanette Burton - 1/23
Betty McNeil - 1/21	Martha Barnwell - 1/27
Howard Herndon - 1/31	

January's Sunday School Highlights: Rev. Rick Isbell will lead the Friends in Christ Sunday School group through a study by Amy Jill-Levine entitled *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* in the History Room. All are invited to join for this series that will begin Sunday, January 5, and carry on through February.



Rev. Isbell will continue the **Adult Confirmation Fast Track** series in the Open Door Class on Sunday, January 12. His topic will be "Ways of Discipleship & Service." As an act of service to the community, class members are asked to bring cooking oil, mayo, and/or ketchup which will support the Beacon of Hope Food Co-Op.

Our Prayers

Home from the Hospital:

Sharon Murphy

Our Presence: December 22

Sunday School	145
Sunday Worship	555

Our Gifts: December 22

Operating Budget	\$54,534.48
Building Fund	\$11,660.00
Other	\$123,790.00

Our Presence: Christmas Eve

Noon Service	194
3:00 Service	344
5:30 Service	877
10:30 Service	540
TOTAL	1,955

Our Presence: December 29

Sunday School	124
Sunday Worship	264

Our Gifts: December 24 & 29

Operating Budget	\$86,550.93
Building Fund	\$7,075.50
Other	\$5,710.85

Altar Flowers

The Chancel and Chapel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Murphy, Sr., and Col. and Mrs. Robert M. Murphy, Jr.

**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

Baptism

John Franklin Trent, son of Taylor and Karly Trent, was baptized on December 29.

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Carol Reeder McNish**
Building Fund: Ann Warwick
Soup Kitchen: Mary J. Carroll and Richard Carroll
- **Mike Ford**
Memorial Fund: Anonymous
- **Jantina Tallman**
Memorial Fund: Anonymous
- **Duane Johnson**
Memorial Fund: Anonymous
- **Dr. Toombs Kay**
Memorial Fund: Anonymous
- **Sarah & Arthur Garrett**
Building Fund: Sandy and Tina Gillespie

Honorariums

In honor of:

- **Jenny Cross**
Ann Marie Tugwell Youth Scholarship Fund: David Rosencrance
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- **Jan Buxton Wade**
Building Fund: Sam Stoess
Music Ministry: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox
- **Powell Richardson**
Chancel Enhancement Fund: Ed & Valerie Nicholson, Jr.
- **David & Patti Harris**
Chancel Enhancement Fund: Grainger & Paula Morrison
- **Pat Clendenen**
Music Ministry: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox
- **Chuck Starks**
Music Ministry: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox
- **Tim Ward**
Music Ministry: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox
- **Eddie Johnson**
Music Ministry: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox
- **Anne Trent**
Music Ministry: Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox

LECTIONARY READINGS

January 5

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Contact Us

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