



## Worship

OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, February 16

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

#### Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave  
*God Gave the Growth*  
Rev. Palmer Cantler  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9

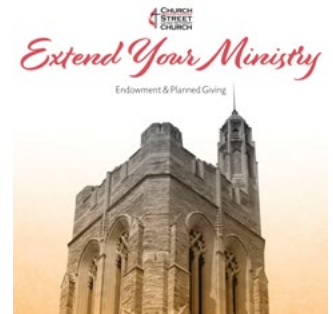
### Wednesday, February 19

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

## HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET

### Extend Your Ministry: Planned Giving Information Session

All at Church Street are invited to learn more about our Permanent Endowment and Planned Giving Ministry. This is an important time for us all, as we pray about how we will extend our individual and church-wide ministries, and how our planned gifts further the missions and ministries of Church Street. On Sunday, February 23, during the Sunday School hour, please drop by the Welcome Center to hear from the Endowment and Planned Giving committee and special guest **Paul Bowman**, Executive Director of Holston Foundation, to learn more about how to remember Church Street in your will, estate, or other assets, in order to further our missions and ministries for generations to come.



### AED / CPR Training: February 20

Don't miss your chance to become CPR/AED certified (or recertified) at our upcoming training: **Thursday, February 20, at 6 pm, in CLC-120.** The session costs \$35 per person (payable the night of the class; cash or checks), and will certify participants in CPR and AED for two years through the American Heart Association. To register, call the church office at 524-3048 by February 18. Contact John Hollingsworth with any questions at 865-806-4477.



**Special Offering for South Sudan: Sunday, February 16:** Church Street will take a special offering for our mission in South Sudan on Sunday, February 16. This offering supports Fred & Libby Dearing, missionaries based out of South Sudan, living as refugees in Uganda. Our financial support directly impacts the medical needs, food and housing of the orphans, missionaries, pastors, their families in the civil war-torn region.



Sunday, March 1

## MARYVILLE COLLEGE CHOIR

with CSUMC Parish Youth Choir

6:00 p.m. in the Nave

Join us for an evening of Choral Music by the Maryville College Concert Choir under the direction of Stacey Wilner. Members of the choir serve as musical ambassadors for the college, touring both domestically and internationally. Their philosophy follows that of the institution they represent, which is "to do good on the largest possible scale." The Maryville College Choir will be joined in concert by Church Street's own Parish Youth Choir.

*Pictured at left (top) is the Maryville College Choir with Stacey Wilner, director; (left, bottom) the Church Street Parish Youth Choir singing at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City during the 2019 Youth Choir Tour.*

*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: February 16 - February 22

### Worship

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

### Sunday School 9:40 AM

### Beacon of Hope

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

### UMW

Book Review  
Wednesday, 1:30 pm, Chiles Room

### Singles & Fellowship

Bridge Group  
Monday, 6 pm, rm-201C  
FOCUS  
Tuesday, 6:15 pm, Offsite  
Line Dance Lessons  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym  
Fourth Friday Game Night  
Friday, 6:30 pm, CLC-124  
Chili Cook-Off  
Saturday, 4 pm, Offsite

### Meetings & Ministry

Hospitality Team  
Sunday, 12:15 pm, CLC-123  
Parish Health Ministry Team  
Sunday, 12:15 pm, Chiles Room  
Holy Land Trip Interest Meeting  
Sunday, 5:30 pm, Chiles Room  
Benevolence Team  
Monday, 12 pm, Office

### Meetings & Ministry

Connection Team  
Monday, 6 pm, rm-201A  
Finance Committee  
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm-204  
Missions Team Meeting  
Wednesday, 6 pm, Chiles Room  
Pastor's Bible Study  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-204  
Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall  
CPR/AED Training  
Thursday, 6 pm, CLC-120  
Young Adult Book Study  
Thursday, 7 pm, Offsite

### Children & Youth

Open Gym  
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym  
Youth NightLife  
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Offsite

### Children & Youth

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

### Music

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

**Back to the Holy Land, One More Time:** For the past twenty years, Rick and Sue Isbell have led tours to the Holy Land, escorting around 150 pilgrims on what many agree is "the trip of a lifetime." The Isbells are projecting one more trip for next year with a tentative departure date of January 5, 2021. Traveling with Educational Opportunities, this ten-day trip will bring the New Testament stories of Jesus to life as you tour the Galilee region, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and other nearby holy sites. This trip is incredibly affordable and one that will enhance your faith journey for the rest of your life.

On **February 16 at 5:30 pm**, you are invited to meet Rick and Sue in the Chiles Room to learn more about traveling to Israel. At that time, more details on touring and an approximate cost of the trip will be shared, and your general questions will be answered. This is an informational meeting only – no commitments will be expected at this time. If you are interested in receiving information about the trip but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Rick at [retiredrick7119@gmail.com](mailto:retiredrick7119@gmail.com) or 865-567-5805.



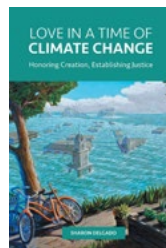
## UMW News

### United Methodist Women Parking Fundraiser for the Dogwood Arts Festival's Home & Garden Show - this weekend!

UMW ladies are asking \$5 to park on Saturday (10am-7pm) and Sunday (10am-6pm). Money raised supports UMW missions projects. Please support UMW, spread the word, and enjoy the Home & Garden Show!

### UMW February Book Review

Join UMW on Wednesday, February 19 at 1:30 in the Chiles Room as Verna McLain reviews *Love in a Time of Climate Change: Honoring Creation, Establishing Justice* by Sharon Delgado. All are invited to these wonderful discussions!



## Year-Long Bible Challenge

### Chapter Readings, February 1 - February 23:

*Our apologies - we misprinted the February readings. Here is the updated February listing through 2/23:*

Feb. 1: Leviticus 1-4	Feb. 13: Numbers 3-4
Feb. 2: Leviticus 5-6	Feb. 14: Numbers 5-6
Feb. 3: Leviticus 7-8	Feb. 15: Numbers 7-8
Feb. 4: Leviticus 9-11	Feb. 16: Numbers 9-10
Feb. 5: Leviticus 12-13	Feb. 17: Numbers 11-12
Feb. 6: Leviticus 14-15	Feb. 18: Numbers 13-14
Feb. 7: Leviticus 16-18	Feb. 19: Numbers 15-16
Feb. 8: Leviticus 19-21	Feb. 20: Numbers 17-19
Feb. 9: Leviticus 22-23	Feb. 21: Numbers 20-21
Feb. 10: Leviticus 24-25	Feb. 22: Numbers 22-23
Feb. 11: Leviticus 26-27	Feb. 23: Numbers 24-26
Feb. 12: Numbers 1-2	

## CLERGY CONNECTION

Together, let's pray for ...  
**Rev. Dawn Chesser**

We all have journeys that we are on: personal, professional, and spiritual journeys that are as different as we are and are important to foster and respect. It is with that spirit we — Jeff Cheek, Chair of Staff-Parish Relations Committee, and I — announce that Rev. Dr. Dawn Chesser will be taking a spiritual growth renewal leave to prepare for her future after Church Street, beginning on March 1, 2020.

We honor Dawn's desire to leave Church Street in order to further her own personal, professional and

spiritual growth for both present and future ministry.

Dawn joined Church Street as the Senior Associate Pastor in March 2018. Since she came, Dawn has worked to plan our worship services, supported our Stephen Ministry, and served as the primary staff liaison for Parish Health, Worship, the Wedding Committee, Hospitality Ministry, and in recent months, Congregational Care.

We are grateful for her service to and on behalf of our church family, and we pray for her, her journey ahead, and the new communities her ministry will reach after her spiritual growth renewal leave ends.

— **Chuck**

## Memorials

*In memory of:*

- **Judge Harold M. Wimberly, Jr.**  
*Altar Guild:* Ann Warwick, George C. Conner, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. James Carroll, Jr., Betsey Creekmore, Chris, Denny & Chandler Dukes, Anne Trent  
*Building Fund:* Mr. and Mrs. George McNutt  
*Memorial Fund:* Pat Hunter, Mr. & Mrs. David Craig
- **Shirley Kanipes**  
*Memorial Fund:* Pat Hunter
- **John O. Kennedy**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Ann Warwick
- **Sue Cox**  
*Building Fund:* Chris, Denny & Chandler Dukes, Elizabeth Reagon, Mr. & Mrs. George McNutt
- **Jantina Tallman**  
*Building Fund:* Mr. & Mrs. George McNutt
- **Linda Miller Carder**  
*Building Fund:* Mr. & Mrs. George McNutt
- **Howard Herndon**  
*Building Fund:* Elizabeth Reagon
- **Dr. Lynne Taylor**  
*Music Ministry:* Paul D. Vandeventer
- **James & Bertha Lees**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Marilyn L. Wohl
- **Reuben A. Hunter**  
*Memorial Fund:* Pat Hunter

## GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020 PREPARATIONS AT CHURCH STREET

General Conference (GC), held every four years to address the legislation prioritized by the global United Methodist Church, will be held May 5-15 in Minneapolis, MN. As many know, delegates to GC 2020 will consider legislation that addresses the future structure of the UMC, primarily driven by the church's inability to reconcile different beliefs regarding the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ persons in the life and structure of the global church.

Church Street's entire staff, in partnership with lay leadership, want to provide all members access to both information and safe spaces in which these important matters may be discussed, debated, and discerned, not only in the months leading up to GC 2020, but also during and after GC takes place and leading up to our Annual Conference.

With that spirit in mind, please see the plans at right for how the Church Street community is invited to engage in this information sharing and time of discussion and discernment, as we consider how GC 2020 may impact our own church family, our communities and conference, and the global UMC.

Please be in prayer *now* for all the delegates, the conference organizers, the global UMC, and our beloved Church Street.

- Church Street Staff

## WWW.CHURCHSTREETUMC.ORG/GC2020

The webpage above will remain active and updated with news relevant to GC 2020, links to proposed legislation, helpful websites, and a listing of events for Church Street members to engage with this information. There is also a space on this page to submit YOUR questions about GC on this webpage, which staff and/or delegates may be able to answer or address at the following activities:

- **GC Listening Times:** Held leading up to GC, these will be facilitated small groups, in which church members will have a safe space for discussion about items pertaining to GC. We will host *additional listening times after GC, as well as after Annual Conference*. Sign-ups will be shared in advance in the *Messenger*, weekly email announcements, and on the webpage above.
- **GC Briefing: Sunday, March 22, 4 pm (Location TBA)**  
This briefing will be an opportunity to hear from at least one Holston delegate about the GC process and proposed legislation. Additional "post-GC" and "post-Annual Conference" briefings will also be planned to ensure the congregation stays informed.
- **GC Information:** Shared in the *Messenger* every three weeks, our staff will share news pertinent to GC 2020, will outline the process of GC and share more about proposed legislation.
- **GC Devotionals and Prayer:** The Upper Room will be providing an online, downloadable devotional guide for the 40 days prior to GC 2020. The devotionals will begin March 26 and will be available at [www.UMCPrays.org](http://www.UMCPrays.org).

For a list of Holston Conference delegates, please visit our webpage listed above. Email them at [delegation@holston.org](mailto:delegation@holston.org).

## Our Prayers

### *Christian love and sympathy to:*

The family and friends of Doris Lynn Brown Wilson, aunt of Rev. Diana Brown Taylor, who died on February 8.

The family and friends of Juanita Reynolds, who died on February 8.

The family and friends of Wilma B. Jones, who died on February 8.

The family and friends of Rev. Larry Best, who died on February 10.

The family and friends of Marion Bloomer, who died on February 12.

### **Our Presence: February 9**

Sunday School	216
Sunday Worship	506

### **Our Gifts: February 9**

Operating Budget	\$52,913.92
Building Fund	\$10,100.00
Other	\$5,066.45

## Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given by Shirley Stanberry in memory of her parents, Helen and Harvey Sharp.

## Honorariums

*In honor of:*

- **Tim Ward & Edie Johnson**  
*Master Arts Series:* Mr. & Mrs. John Craig
- **Frank & Elaine Ralston**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Pat Hunter
- **Jim Boehms**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Anonymous

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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

### Juanita Reynolds

Joined: 4/9/1961      Died: 2/8/2020

### Wilma B. Jones

Joined: 5/15/1994      Died: 2/8/2020

### Rev. Larry Best

Joined: 10/27/2002      Died: 2/10/2020  
*Charge Conference Membership at Church Street*

### Marion Bloomer

Joined: 12/17/1995      Died: 2/12/2020

## DISCOVER CHURCH STREET!

The next Discover Church Street class will be Sunday, Feb. 23 at 5 pm in the Chiles Room. Discover Church Street is a membership class offered to all prospective members before formally uniting with the church. The class explores the history, beliefs and practices of the UMC, as well as the ministries of Church Street and membership vows. Contact Rev. Starks for more info at 521-0260.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### **February 16**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37

### **February 23**

Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 2  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

## Contact Us

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## Staff Directory

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Associate Pastor      Palmer Cantler–298

Minister of Spiritual Enrichment      Jan Wade–264

Visitation Pastors

Rev. Andy Ferguson: 865-806-0086

Rev. Jim Bailes: 865-919-8328

Director of Music Ministries      Tim Ward–276

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

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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

Custodians:      Dedra Ellison, Robin Crain,  
Kevin Bailey, Jacob Jenne

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