# THE MESSENGER

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### **Sunday, February 23**

Transfiguration Sunday

#### Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave Children's Sunday Matthew 17:1-9

## **Wednesday, February 26**

Ash Wednesday 12 p.m. & 6 p.m. Nave Rev. Palmer Cantler

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

Call 524-3048 to make a reservation.

Includes the imposition of ashes.

Prayers for Church Street in the Chapel,
9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

## 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.

#### **HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET**

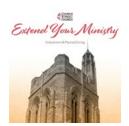
#### **Children's Sunday is February 23**

Church Street's children will lead us in worship on Sunday, February 23 during both services. The Transfiguration message will be shared in a creative way by the children and they will serve as readers, ushers, greeters and more. The children's choirs will sing at both services. You are invited to be a part of this meaningful worship experience led by some of our youngest Church Street members.



# 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 considering Church Street in your estate and wills planning, in order to further our missions and ministries for generations to come.



## Sunday, March 1

# MARYVILLE COLLEGE CONCERT 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, for "Of Stones and Stars." 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 CSUMC 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 23 - February 29**

#### Worship

Worship Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave Rejoice! TV Broadcast Sunday, 8:00 am, WVLT-TV Ash Wednesday Services Wednesday, 12 pm & 6 pm, Nave Lunch, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall (\$8)

#### Sunday School 9:40 AM

#### **Singles & Fellowship**

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

#### **Meetings & Ministry**

Endowment and Planned Giving
Info Session
Sunday, 9:40 am,
Welcome Center
Discover Church Street
Sunday, 5 pm, Chiles Room
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 pm, Office
Sharing Shop

Prayers for Church Street
Wednesday, 9 am - 7 pm, Chapel
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
Outreach Yoga Class
Thursday, 12 pm, Chiles Room

Monday, 12 pm, CLC-126

Young Adult Book Study Thursday, 7 pm, Offsite

#### **Children & Youth**

Open Gym
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
Youth NightLife
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Offiste
Youth Basketball
Sunday, 7 pm, Gym &
Monday, 6 pm, Gym
Wesley House Tutoring
Tuesday, 4:15 pm, Offsite
Youth Shrove
Tuesday, 6 pm, Offsite
Youth Band

Wednesday, 6:15 pm, Lower CLC High School Prayer Breakfast Thursday, 8 am, Offsite

#### **UMW**

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

#### 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 Handbell Choir Rehearsal Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm-303 Adult Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-306

#### Beacon of Hope

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

#### **Next Messenger**

Please submit written articles and photos that you wish to be published in the next edition of *The Messenger* by Friday at noon to communications@churchstreetumc.org.



**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** 

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 524-3048 TO MAKE YOURS!



SUNDAY, MARCH 1 12:30 PM CHURCH STREET GYM

Brunch is underwritten by Home Federal Bank.

Bring a friend (and your checkbook) to hear about and support this important extension ministry of Church Street UMC that benefits young artists in our community. And enjoy live music by the artists!



#### Year-Long Bible Challenge Chapter Readings, February 24 - March 1:

February 24: Numbers 27-28 February 25: Numbers 29-30 February 26: Numbers 31-32 February 27: Numbers 33-34 February 28: Numbers 35-36 February 29: Leap Year Break! March 1: Deuteronomy 1-2 Lennon-Seney UMC Invites You to a Special Black History Month Program The Older Adult Ministry of Lennon-Seney UMC presents a Black History program, "The Reenactment of 'The Sun Do Move'," on Sunday, February 23 at 3 pm. This sermon was preached by John Jasper, a slave, more than 250 times to audiences, including once before the Virginia legislature. Please join our brothers and sisters at Lennon-Seney to learn about this history, enjoy music and songs, and refreshments. Lennon-Seney is located at 2084 Dandridge Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37915.

#### CLERGY CONNECTION

It was about this time two years ago that I received a very unexpected phone call from Bishop Taylor, asking me if I would be able to serve at Church Street, beginning almost immediately. At the time, although I'd driven past Church Street many times, I had never set foot in the building or seen the beautiful nave. I'd never even watched *Reioice!* 

I'm very glad I received that call and had an opportunity to get to know you as a congregation, and many of you as individuals. I think Church Street is an amazing place, not so much because of your building, but because of you, the people of Church Street. I have found you to be a loving, thoughtful, gifted, deeply committed congregation with so much to offer to the wider community. It has been a joy to serve alongside you these past two years.

While our paths must now diverge, please know that I will always cherish the time I have had at Church Street and the wonderful relationships I have made here. I want you to know that my decision to leave has nothing to do with how I feel about the congregation. I simply do not feel called to be an associate pastor at this point in my life. We are at a critical juncture in our denomination right now, and I feel that I must use my voice to speak out and help provide leadership for those who have felt hurt or disenfranchised by traditional readings of our holy scriptures. I am grateful for the

opportunity to spend four months in spiritual preparation and discernment about where and how God is calling me to serve. Thank you for your support, and your love, and your faithful witness to the Knoxville community and beyond. Scot and I plan to stay in our wonderful house in Fountain City, and we hope to see you around town!

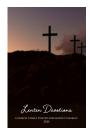
Peace in Christ.

- Rev. Dawn Chesser

# Reception to Honor Dawn Chesser

Sunday, February 23

Join us in the Welcome Center for light refreshments, immediately following the second service!



#### Lenten Devotionals & Postcards for the Persecuted

Look for your **2020 Lenten Devotional Guide** in the Narthex, the Chapel Hallway, and the Welcome Center, beginning Sunday, February 23. Contained in this year's devotional is an 10-day **Missions Giving Guide**, in which you are asked to collect specific items for the Beacon of Hope Sharing Shop and Food Co-Op. Bring your collected items in a box to worship on Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday), to be blessed.

Postcards for the Persecuted will be available in these same locations around the church, and you are encouraged to pick one up and spend time each day during the season of Lent in prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world.





# 2020 Scholarship Applications Now Available

Scholarship applications are available now on the CSUMC youth website at: https://churchstreetyouth.wordpress.com/forms/. Completed applications, along with two references, are required, and are due March 29 to Jenny Cross's mailbox in the main church office. Announcement of scholarship recipients will be early May. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Cross at 865-521-0287 or jcross@churchstreetumc.org.

## **Memorials**

In memory of:

- Judge Harold M. Wimberly, Jr.
   Altar Guild: Drs. David & Patti Harris, Nick McCall, Jr. & Jennifer Ashley-McCall, Barry & Nancy Christmas
   BOH Food Co-Op: Anonymous
- Shirley Kanipes BOH Food Co-Op: Anonymous
- Charlie Rash
  BOH Food Co-Op: Anonymous
- Sue Cox
   Building Fund: John Thornburg, Dr. & Mrs.
   Thomas Callcott
   Music Ministry: Martha Barnwell
- Phyllis Lindsey BOH Food Co-Op: Anonymous
- Juanita Reynolds
   BOH Food Co-Op: Ann Warwick
- Larry Best

Building Fund: Barry & Nancy Christmas, Mr. & Mrs. Martin Walter, Caroline & Jamie Lamar, Dan & Julia Kelley, Gene & Sandra Flinter, Elizabeth Reagon, Melinda Jordan & Steve Corbit, Bob & Linda Smith, Ann Warwick, Rev. & Mrs. David Lineberger, Dr. & Mrs. Rem Edwards, Lee Patton, Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox, Mary Ellen Smethells, Anonymous Operating Budget: Dr. & Mrs. James Carroll

Sterchi Lodge: Mr. & Mrs. James Faulkner

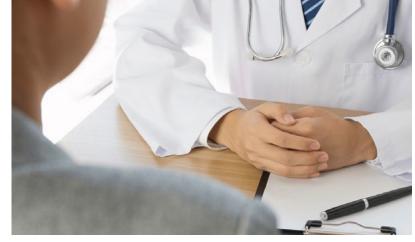
# Parish Health Ministry



#### **Getting the Most from Your Doctor's Visits**

We all know the first visit of the year to each doctor, or a new doctor visit, begins with providing your health information so **be prepared to present**:

- Insurance cards and picture ID
- Medication list
- Pharmacy name, location, contact info
- Allergy list (include nature of reaction)
- List of medical conditions and surgeries
- Family medical history
- Other doctors (location, contact info)
- Review of symptoms/conditions



Your medication list should include ALL products you are taking: prescription, over the counter, vitamins, supplements, and herbals. Also,

document what it is for (since products may be used for multiple conditions), dosage and instructions, when it was started, and who prescribed it. Try grouping them together based on what you are taking them for, such as: heart, lungs, GI, etc.

#### **Before going:**

- **Prioritize your list** of concerns and questions in case time does not allow for all of them.
- **Be specific** when listing symptoms including frequency, triggers, progression of the problem, what you think the cause may be and why.
- **Consider asking someone to go with you** and discuss their role beforehand to ensure they don't control the visit.

#### **During the visit:**

- Be honest! If you are not, inappropriate changes could occur or problems could go unaddressed and get worse.
- **Keep an open mind**; don't have preconceived ideas of what tests or treatments should be ordered.
- **Take notes**, repeat back, or ask if you can record instructions with your phone.
- **Share concerns about the visit** if you feel rushed, worried, or uncomfortable. You might even offer to schedule a second visit to get all of your questions and concerns addressed.

Doing your part to be prepared can make a significant difference. I have personally seen it within my own family!

Visit the Parish Health Ministry section of CSUMC website for full-length versions of PH articles.

### Submitted by Vicky Shelton, D.Ph.

**CSUMC Parish Health Ministry Team** 

# Spring Break MISSION TRIP

This Spring Break, our Youth Department will travel to Port St. Joe, FL to provide storm recovery for damages caused by Hurricane Michael. The storm was a Category 5 hurricane when it hit the coast at Mexico Beach, and the devastation has been extreme. We will be partnering with the Alabama-West Florida Conference and UMCOR to support this community. There are two main ways you can support the efforts of our team - pray and/or give financially.

# Pray for the Team

Please pray for safety and efficiency as we complete the tasks set before us. We want to serve the Lord by giving of our time and abilities to help this community which has been ravaged by natural disaster.

# Give Tinancially

If you feel led to contribute financially to this project, please consider supporting us at the levels listed below. This trip is a major endeavor, and we appreciate any support you are willing to offer. (Include **Youth Missions** on the memo line of your check - or give online.)

Your contribution:

Supports:

\$10

Small Supplies screws, sandpaper, masks, gloves, etc.

\$25

Small Tools & Materials extensions cords, sheetrock, hand tools

\$75

Equipment & Large Materials insulation, flooring, step ladders, circular saw

\$150

Sponsor a Participant provide a scholarship for a member of our team

\$300

Specialty Tools & Team Meals sheetroom or framing tools or a meal for our crew



Transportation & Lodging assist with van rentals or lodging for the week









WHO WE ARE: We are the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the UMC in partnership with UMCOR: United Methodist Committee on Relief.

OUR VISION & MISSION: On Oct. 10, 2018, Hurricane Michael made landfall as a Category 5 hurricane in Mexico Beach, Florida. With unprecedented force, Michael maintained its Category 5 strength as it continued inland to devastate a 100-mile wide path from the coast of Florida to the Georgia state line. Our vision is to rebuild, repair, and restore homes that were damaged by Hurricane Michael. Towards that end, we seek to meet the needs of those affected by Hurricane Michael through home repair, reconstruction, debris cleanup, connecting people to the right resources, and serving in many other capacities.

OUR AREAS OF SERVICE: We have three long term recovery offices set up in Marianna, Panama City, and Port St. Joe. Each office has a Volunteer Coordinator, Construction Coordinator, and team of Disaster Case Managers. With our three offices, all its employees partnering together, and with you, we hope to cover the whole of the disaster area in our community.

Focus Verse: Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Pictured above: The damage in Port St. Joe from the Category 5 Hurricane Michael, and our Youth, hard at work in mission and performing repairs.

# **Our Prayers**

#### Christian love and sympathy to:

The family and friends of Judith Norris Stallard, sister of Rik Norris, who died on February 13 in Kingsport.

The family and friends of Chuck Hagegeorge, who died on February 15 in Texas.

The family and friends of Shirley Stanberry, who died on February 19.

#### **Our Presence: February 16**

Sunday School 264 Sunday Worship 547

#### **Our Gifts: February 16**

Operating Budget \$21,329.35 Building Fund \$33,590.00 Other \$7,490.92

#### Sign Up for Missions Weekend!

Activities planned for the whole family all weekend

Use the link or QR code below to sign up for one or more of our Missions Weekend activities, great for the whole family, and make your reservations for Sunday's missions lunch, which will be served by our incredible Church Street Soup Kitchen volunteers!

LINK: bit.ly/csmissions2020





#### **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

## **Chuck Hagegeorge**

Joined: 7/21/1991 Died: 2/15/2020

## **Shirley Stanberry**

Joined: 11/30/1997 Died: 2/19/2020

#### **Baptism**

Mia Cassidy Robinson, daughter of Richy and Joy Robinson, was baptized on Februray 16.

#### **Honorariums**

In honor of:

- Rev. Jan Buxton Wade Building Fund: Sarah Wimberly
- Rev. Chuck Starks
  Building Fund: Sarah Wimberly
- Edie Johnson Building Fund: Sarah Wimberly
- Anne Jackson Building Fund: Sarah Wimberly
- Kelly Woods

  Building Fund: Sarah Wimberly

See page 3 for Memorials.

#### **Altar Flowers**

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in memory of Jama McDonald Hollingsworth by John, Cindy and Sarah Grace Hollingsworth.

# LECTIONARY - READINGS

February 23

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

#### March 1

First Sunday of Lent Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

#### **Contact Us**

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Pastor On-Call Number (865) 320-9100

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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# **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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Music Associate/Organist Edie Johnson–277

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