

## Worship

O P P O R T U N I T I E S

### Sunday, March 22

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

#### Worship

10 a.m.

Online at Church Street's Website,  
and Facebook Page  
*(see info at right)*

*Unexpected Ways Through  
Uncharted Territory*

Rev. Palmer Cantler  
1 Samuel 16:1-13

### Monday, March 23 & Thursday, March 27

*Devotion LIVE - Facebook Page*

12 p.m. - Facebook Page

(Video may be found on our website  
following live virtual event on Facebook)

**SUNDAY OFFERING ON MARCH 22:** UMCOR Sunday, on March 22, provides the opportunity to engage with the global UMC missions work. Add "UMCOR" to the memo line of your check or visit the GIVE page of our website and make a donation there. Thank you for your generosity.

**REMINDER:** The Church building is closed to non-staff persons. Even if you have a code and/or a fob, please **do not enter the building** without checking first to make sure someone is inside. Let's stay away now so we can get back to church more quickly!

## HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET

### COVID-19 and Church Street

**"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." - Colossians 3:15**

As a body of Christ, we *are* thankful and fortunate to have resources to continue our worship and work for the Lord, to have dedicated and prayerful members and staff to visit (limited) and call our most vulnerable, and to have so many arms that reach out into the community, even in times of crisis and uncertainty, to care for our neighbors who are hurting.

Church Street wants to stay connected with you and through you in new and creative ways during this time of social distancing and protecting ourselves and each other. **Holston Conference Bishop Dindy Taylor issued a letter on March 18 that churches in the conference shall suspend all gatherings until further notice; therefore Church Street's worship gatherings, Sunday School classes, and all other in-person meetings, activities, and events have been suspended indefinitely.**

**We are planning ahead for weeks, possibly months, apart and are happy to share the schedule below of how to connect with Church Street (evolving):**

**+ Worship will be shared each Sunday at 10 am online.** These sessions, recorded each Thursday with individuals separately to adhere to social distancing, will honor our Sunday worship services as much as possible, with greetings, music, scripture, children's moments, sermon, prayer, and benediction all included. These will "premiere" on Sundays at 10 am on the Church Street Facebook Page and our website. Due to the visiting restrictions at WVLT, *Rejoice!* at 8 AM on Sundays will, for the foreseeable future, be previously aired content.

**+ Devotion LIVE at Noon, each Monday & Thursday.** These short scripture / homily messages will be shared each Monday and Thursday via our Facebook page using Facebook Live. To view, either tune in at noon on those days live and participate in the comments section, OR you can access the video after it has "aired" live using the links on our Connect webpage: <https://churchstreetumc.org/connect>. All you need is a prayerful heart, about 5-10 minutes, and an Internet connection.

**+ Daily Prayer Guide.** Pastor Jan is putting together beautiful daily prayers that help us connect to and pray for those amongst us who have joys and concerns. These prayers are sent to our Messenger email list each morning, and they are also posted to the webpage above and to our Facebook page.

*If you do not have easy access to our online offerings, please contact [communications@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:communications@churchstreetumc.org) so that we may help you receive a hard copy disc.*

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*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.

## STILL SERVING!

CSUMC Missions and Ministries are continuing to serve, even amidst closures and limited resources. Needs of our populations served do not evaporate when a health crisis emerges and evolves. We will continue to serve as long as it is safe for all parties involved.

### Church Street Outreach and Missions:

+ **Soup Kitchen** shifted its seated dining to a take-out option beginning this week. Volunteers arrived early to pack "picnic" bags for guests that included a substantial sandwich, side and fruit, and guests picked these items up in very small numbers at a time. Restroom facilities were made available to guests.

+ **The Benevolence Team** continues to serve, but is conducting all interviews by phone instead of in-person.

+ **Sharing Shop North** (CSUMC campus) is currently closed, but **Sharing Shop South** (Beacon of Hope campus) will re-open for toiletries distribution on a limited-contact basis next week.

+ **Beacon of Hope** is operating its Food Co-Op for the limited number of families it serves on an appointment basis instead of a standard biweekly time.

### Ministries at Church Street

+ **Youth** will try out a Digital NightLife format beginning this week, and Youth Band has already used video conferencing software to meet virtually.

+ Families in our **Children's Ministry** have been given resources for their time together at home, and they have been offered Sunday School bags they may pick up at the church. The Children's Ministry Facebook Page will also feature daily engagement with our kids.

+ **Music** continues, though not in groups, to protect our choir members. Tim is in touch with the choir, and soloists and instrumentalists will be recording special music for our upcoming online worship together.

+ **Congregational Care Committee, Clergy Concerns Group, and Stephen Ministers** are all restructuring their visitation protocol so that our homebound and vulnerable members are protected while continuing to receive meaningful contact from our church family.

+ **Parish Health Ministry**, in coordination with Clergy, staff, and the S.A.S.H. Committee, will continue to help guide our health practices, as they monitor best practices and recommendations from the CDC, the WHO, the TN Department of Health, and the county health department.

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## MISSION MOMENT

Together, let's think about ...

### *Giving Up & Giving To*

Still can't decide what to give up for Lent? Or maybe you want to give something to an individual or group. Team up with Beacon of Hope and do both!

Walk through your home, one room at a time. Don't forget the basement and garage. Ask yourself, "Why do I have this item? Do I really need it – or is there someone who needs it more?" So many things are "too good to throw away" but aren't really something you love. But the sweater you wear once a year could be someone else's very best clothing item.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- **Kitchen utensils** – Once I noticed I had 6 wooden spoons. And 4 whisks. I'll bet you do, too. An old set of flatware, an extra potato peeler, a mug set that's collecting dust on the counter? These are luxuries to many people who are struggling. Appliances are great too. They're pricey and there is no substitute for a coffee maker. Pots and pans are a big need too – hard to make a meal without them!



*Members of Church Street contributing time during March's Missions Weekend.*

- **Towels, pillows and sheets** – Very basic items that many don't have. Imagine life without towels. Or sheets that fit your bed. Or no pillows. No matter how used, these items are "gold" to some of our neighbors.

- **Tennis shoes** – The #1 requested item we have. Everyone needs good, sturdy shoes, and they can be too expensive for the average person. Men's, women's or kids' tennis shoes – we need them all for the neighbors we serve.

- **Casual clothing** – Jeans, shorts, T-shirts, polo shirts, light jackets are needed. Most occasions in our Beacon area are casual, even jobs. Any size. Male or female.

Spring is a great time to minimalize, and Lent is the perfect time to reflect on what's important. So give something up, *give something to* someone else – and enjoy the feeling of giving back some of the blessings that have come to you.

— **Dona McConnell,**  
**Beacon of Hope Director**

## Memorials

*In memory of:*

- **Rev. Larry Best**  
*Building Fund:* Mr. & Mrs. Barna Gibson, Mr. Emery Soler & Mrs. Gloria Gaskin, Charles Jones, Rev. James & Diane Bailes, Dr. & Mrs. Allison Ensor, Wayne & Sylvia Davis, Mrs. Jennifer Crosland, Ms. Jean Hannan, Mr. James Boehms, Mrs. & Mrs. Billy Roberts, Anonymous  
*Sterchi Lodge:* Ms. Betty Sterchi  
*UT Hospice Service:* Mr. & Mrs. Burl Haun
- **Sue Cox**  
*Building Fund:* Dr. & Mrs. Allison Ensor
- **John O. Kennedy, Jr.**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Rev. James & Diane Bailes
- **Sherri Russell**  
*Building Fund:* Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ralston
- **Ann Shaver**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Mrs. Ann Warwick
- **Shirley Stanberry**  
*Music Ministry:* Randy Williams & Janice McCoy-Williams, Ms. Jean Hannan  
*Memorial Fund:* Lora Jean Johnson
- **Juanita Reynolds**  
*Building Fund:* Mr. James Boehms
- **Dr. David Craig**  
*Music Ministry:* Mrs. Verna McLain  
*Memorial Fund:* Maureen Casey  
*Gardens:* Mr. & Mrs. William Griffith  
*Building Fund:* Buckingham Community Association, Mr. & Mrs. Barna Gibson, Mrs. Loretta Best, Kathie Musick Bemis, Wayne & Sylvia Davis, Barbara & Allen Coggins, Ms. Jean Hannan, Mr. James Boehms, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Roberts, Mrs. Jennifer Crosland, Mrs. Ann Warwick

## Honorariums

*In honor of:*

- **Rev. Dawn Chesser**  
*CSUMC Reconcilers:* Rev. James & Diane Bailes
- **Rev. Jan Buxton Wade & Dr. Dwight Wade**  
*Building Fund:* Mr. Emery Soler & Mrs. Gloria Gaskin
- **Jean Wilhoite**  
*Benevolence Fund:* Mr. Emery Soler & Mrs. Gloria Gaskin
- **Rev. Jan Buxton Wade**  
*Building Fund:* Anonymous
- **Dr. Dwight Wade**  
*Building Fund:* Anonymous
- **Loretta Best**  
*Building Fund:* Anonymous
- **Rev. Andy Ferguson**  
*Building Fund:* Anonymous
- **Dr. Celia Ferguson**  
*Building Fund:* Anonymous
- **Rev. Jim Bailes**  
*Building Fund:* Anonymous
- **Verna McLain**  
*Building Fund:* Anonymous
- **Gail Redding**  
*Building Fund:* Anonymous
- **Music Ministry**  
*Building Fund:* Anonymous
- **Anne Trent**  
*Altar Guild:* Ms. Jeanne Young, John & Ann Nelson
- **Luke McCluskey**  
*CSUMC Sharing Shop:* Mr. & Mrs. Steven McCluskey



### Year-Long Bible Study (through April 3)

March 17	March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22
Joshua 11-13	Joshua 14-16	Joshua 17-19	Joshua 20-22	Joshua 23-24	Judges 1-2
March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28
Judges 3-5	Judges 6-7	Judges 8-9	Judges 10-11	Judges 12-14	Judges 15-17
March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3
Judges 18-19	Judges 20-21	Ruth 1-4	1 Samuel 1-2	1 Samuel 3-5	1 Samuel 6-8

### HOLY WEEK UPDATE:

At this time, any gatherings larger than 50 people have been suspended, under the direction of our Holston Conference Bishop. Should gatherings be suspended through the high holy days of April 5 - April 12, we will communicate our alternate plan for worship as soon as possible. We are looking into interactive and meaningful ways to celebrate Christ's resurrection together, while practicing social distancing and healthy habits, so that God is glorified and we are all protected. Stay tuned!

## Our Prayers

### Recently Hospitalized

Matt Strutner  
Delania Malcolm

### Christian Love and Sympathy to:

The family and friends of Sherrie Russell, who died on March 7.

The family and friends of Dr. David Craig, who died on March 9.

The family and friends of Carolyn Bailey, who died on March 19.

The family of Mark Orr, fiancé of Courtney Ramsey, who died on March 14.

### Our Presence: March 8

Sunday School	228
Sunday Worship	433
Midweek Lenten Service	107

### Our Gifts: March 8

Operating Budget	\$29,631.01
Building Fund	\$68,300.00
Other	\$18,948.00

### Our Gifts: March 15

Operating Budget	\$13,260.77
Building Fund	\$1,275.00
Other	\$1,632.00

## Financial Update

As of February 29

Expected Contributions	
Year to date:	\$410,461
Received Contributions	
Year to date:	\$365,696
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>\$44,765</b>

# GIVE PLUS<sup>+</sup>

### 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

### Sherrie Russell

Joined: 6/6/2010      Died: 3/7/2020

### Dr. David Craig

Joined: 10/1/1966      Died: 3/9/2020

### Carolyn Bailey

Joined: 10/15/1967      Died: 3/19/2020

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### March 22

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

### March 29

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

## NEED TO GATHER A SMALL GROUP?

Church Street has resources to help you connect with your Sunday School class, committee, Bible study, or other small group gathering. We can set up a video conference or a conference call for you, or share resources with you so that you can do it yourself, all for free.

Please contact Church Administrator Kate Spencer at [kspencer@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kspencer@churchstreetumc.org) if you need some assistance. Please continue to be in relationship with one another in the virtual world!

## Contact Us

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Youth/College Ministries      Jenny Cross–287

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