

## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, January 13

*Baptism of the Lord*

#### Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

Rev. Chuck Starks

**"I Claim You"**

Luke 3:15–17

### Noonday Worship

includes Holy Communion open to all

### Wednesday, January 9

12 p.m. – Chapel

Rev. Chuck Starks

Wednesday Fellowship Lunch is served in room 118 following the service. Lunch is \$8 and includes salad and dessert. For lunch reservations, call 524-3048 or email [reservations@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:reservations@churchstreetumc.org).

### MLK Prayer Service

All are invited

### Wednesday, January 16

12 p.m. – Nave

Following the service, lunch will be served in the Parish Hall (reservations are not required)

## Lay Servant Training in the TN Valley District

Sat., Jan. 12, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Central UMC in Lenoir City

Courses offered:

- Basic Lay Servant Course
- Advanced: United Methodist Polity
- Advanced: Worship

For questions, contact Bobby Stair, District Lay Servant Director, at [bsstair@comcast.net](mailto:bsstair@comcast.net) or 865-776-0580.



## 2019 MLK Interfaith Prayer Service Wednesday, January 16 at noon

Church Street UMC is very honored to have been invited to host this very special service in our church this year! Traditionally the MLK Celebration each year begins with the Interfaith Prayer Service as its major opening event.

This year, Jewish, Muslim, Catholic and Protestant faith leaders will offer their prayers and meditation on the theme for this year: **"The Courage to Lead with Greater Determination."**

In addition, there will be the opportunity for facilitated small group discussion over lunch. Church Streeters and friends will be on hand to greet our guests from across the Knoxville area. Please make plans to attend this service in commemoration of Dr. King, who, in the face of constant danger, preached God's message and persevered to lead the causes of social and racial equality.

Following the service in the Nave, church members and friends will serve lunch to our guests in our newly renovated Parish Hall. Please come and invite friends from other denominations and faiths to join us in this time of community fellowship. (No lunch reservations are required.)



## Our Family Promise Week is Approaching

Church Street, in partnership with Church of the Ascension on Northshore, has committed to assisting families through Family Promise. **From January 13–20**, we need volunteers who are willing to help provide dinners and serve as overnight hosts on-site at Church of the Ascension. Bringing dinner is a wonderful ministry for a Sunday School class or UMW circle. If interested in serving, please contact Rev. Palmer Cantler at [865-521-0298](tel:865-521-0298) or Susan Fowlkes at [susanfowlkes1432@gmail.com](mailto:susanfowlkes1432@gmail.com).

## Golf Cart Driver Needed on Sundays

We need a volunteer to help on Sunday mornings driving the golf cart for the 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. shift. If you would like to help or are interested but need more details, contact Blake Valentine at [blakecvalentine@gmail.com](mailto:blakecvalentine@gmail.com). Drivers must be 25 years or older.

## CONVERSATIONS ON RACE

### Book Discussion

Sunday, January 13

5:00–6:30 p.m.

in CLC 120

All are invited to read *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo and join us for discussion.

We will covenant together for respectful and authentic conversation about what we are reading. Facilitated by Celia Ferguson and Rev. Leah Burns.

**The Approach to  
Neurology from a  
Christian Perspective**  
with Open Doors Guest  
Speaker: Norm Walton, MD

The Open Doors class invites you to join them this **Sunday, January 13 at 9:40 a.m. in the gym** for a unique presentation on neurology given by Norm Walton, MD.

Dr. Walton went to medical school in Syracuse New York, and trained in Internal Medicine and Neurology at the University of Virginia and University of Rochester. In 1994, he joined the Faculty of Internal Medicine at the University of Tennessee. Join us this Sunday!



**UMW Book Review**  
**Wednesday, January 16 at**  
**1:30 p.m. in room 204**

Nancy Staub will review *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography* by Harold Ian Smith. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Memorial Service for  
Dr. Toombs Kay, Jr.**  
**Jan. 19 in Royston, Georgia**

Dr. Toombs H. Kay, Jr., who was born on December 22, 1929, died peacefully on December 4, 2018. A "Going Home to Georgia" Celebration Memorial Service will be held at **2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 19**, at Redwine United Methodist Church, in Royston Georgia, with pastors Billy Pittman, James S. Pollock, and Dr. John W. Kay officiating.

**How to contact Holston Conference Delegates**

If you wish to write to the delegates of the Holston Conference you may send an email message to: [delegation@holston.org](mailto:delegation@holston.org). Messages are forwarded to each member of the Holston Conference delegation.

**SINGLES EVENTS**

**Lunch Bunch**

**Sunday, January 13 at 12:30 p.m.**  
**Calhoun's on Bearden Hill**

Join us at Calhoun's on Bearden Hill following the second service. Our host is Lois Smith, **865-386-5647**.

**ACCESS CODES FOR CHURCH DOORS CHANGED**

The codes for door access that previously began with **18** now begin with **19**.

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 they send via email.

Beginning immediately, remember to use the new code when you require access to the church.

**Calendar: Sunday, January 13 – Saturday, January 19**

**Worship**

- Worship
  - Sunday, 8:30 am, Nave
  - Sunday, 11 am, Nave
- Rejoice! TV Broadcast
  - Sunday, 8:30 am, WVLT-TV
- MLK Prayer Service
  - Wednesday, 12 pm, Nave
  - (Lunch follows in Parish Hall)

**Sunday School–9:40 AM**

**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 308
- 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

**Meetings & Ministry**

- Family Promise volunteer week
  - January 13–January 20
- Stephen Ministry Training
  - Sunday, 1:30 pm, rm 201A
- Conversations on Race Book Disc.
  - Sunday, 5 pm, CLC 120
- Benevolence Team
  - Monday, 12 pm, CLC 124
- Sharing Shop
  - Monday, 12 pm, Gym
- SASH Meeting
  - Monday, 6 pm, rm 201A
- Records & History Meeting
  - Tuesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201C
- Finance Committee
  - Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204
- Soup Kitchen
  - Thursday, 11 am, Gym
- Staff-Parish Relations Committee
  - Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A
- Preschool Board Meeting
  - Thursday, 6 pm, rm 202

**Personal &  
Spiritual Growth**

- Men of God
  - Tuesday, 10 am, rm 202
- Women's Bible Study
  - Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm 201A
- Meditation & Prayer Group
  - Wednesday, 10:30 am, rm 211
- Holy Land Trip (Jan 8–17):
  - Thursday, Group returns

**Leisure Activities  
& Fellowship**

- Open Gym
  - Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
- Lunch following MLK Prayer Service
  - Wed, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall

**UMW**

- Circle #6
  - Monday, 1:30 pm, Parlor
- Book Review
  - Wednesday, 1:30 pm, rm 204

**Singles**

- Lunch Bunch
  - Sunday, 12:30 pm, off-site
- Bridge
  - Monday, 6 pm, rm 201C
- Yoga Class
  - Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
- Line Dance Lessons
  - Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym

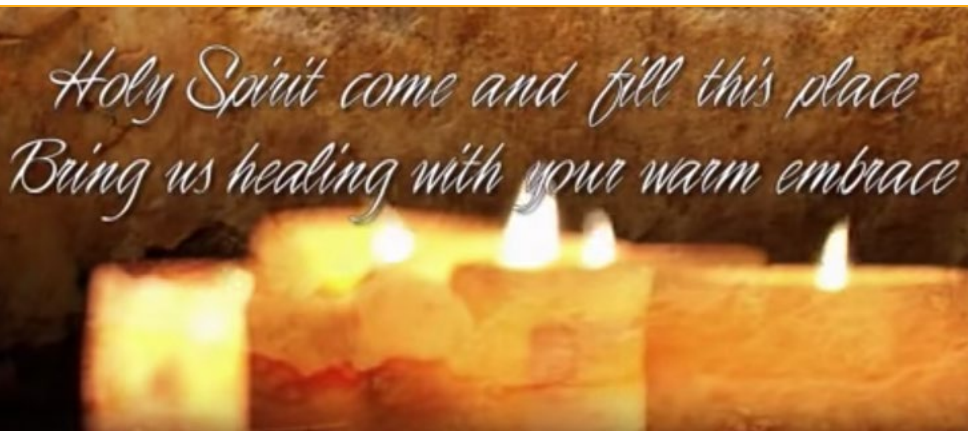
**Beacon of Hope**

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

**Youth**

- NightLife
  - Sunday, 5:15 pm, Lower CLC
- Wesley House Tutoring
  - Tuesday, 4:15 pm, Wesley House
- Youth Band
  - Wednesday, 6:45 pm, CLC 11
- High School Prayer Breakfast
  - Thurs, 7:15 am, Chik-fil-A (W. Hills)

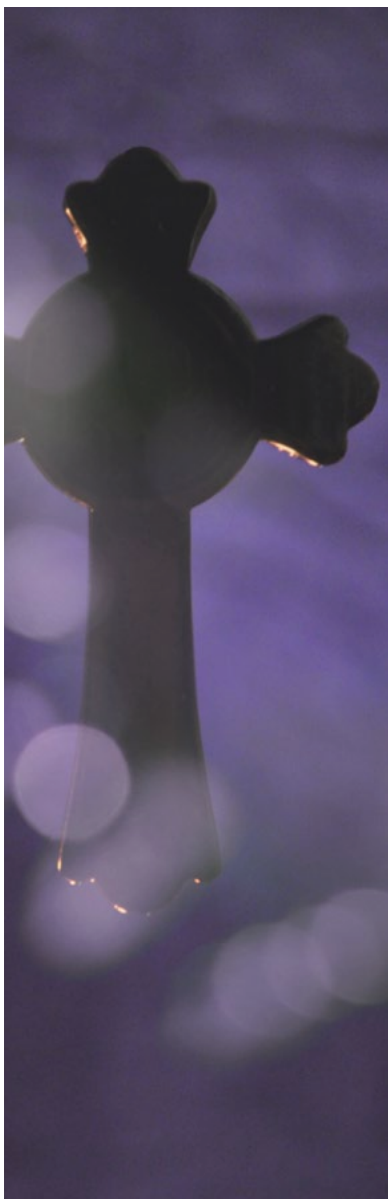
**WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CHURCH STREET?**



## A SERVICE OF HEALING & WHOLENESS

Sunday, January 27, 4:00 pm in the Church Street Chapel

This service is open to all who are weary in mind, body, or spirit, as well as any who desire a calming, meditative worship. Prayers for healing and wholeness are offered, as well as anointing with holy oil, candle-lighting, and the soothing sacred music of harpist Anne Jackson and vocalist Matthew Mimbs. Why not join others who have found solace and reassurance in this reflective worship gathering.



## Lenten Devotionals

You are invited to participate in this year's Lenten Devotional book, written by members of our congregation to be used as a spiritual practice as we walk with Jesus throughout the season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 6.

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. Your devotion should include a title, a scripture verse reference, a devotion text of no more than 250 words, and a closing prayer. Devotions may be submitted to Barry Christmas at [bearynoel@gmail.com](mailto:bearynoel@gmail.com) by Monday, February 4.



## Do you shop at Kroger?



If so, would you follow this link to register your Kroger plus card with the Church Street Youth Choir for Kroger Community Rewards funding?



Click "I'm a customer!" Our account number is **TF634**. You'll need your Kroger Plus Card number to register. If you don't have an account, you'll need to register.

After you register, when you shop, Kroger will make a donation to the choir. Currently we have 43 households registered and we receive about \$250 per quarter. Thanks for your assistance to even more funding.

—TIM WARD



## Four Course Fellowship Sign-Ups Going on Now!

Please don't miss your opportunity to become a part of one of the next Four Course Fellowship dinner groups at CSUMC! Enjoy a relaxed evening with fellow parishioners in a small group setting over a shared meal. Monthly dinner dates are mutually agreed upon and everyone brings a dish to share. Our focus is on getting to know our fellow parishioners, enjoying each other's company, and growing in our church community.

Sign-ups are being held now through Monday, January 28 for the February through May dinner groups. Please contact Kim and Tim Kazmier at [kimkazmier@gmail.com](mailto:kimkazmier@gmail.com) or leave a message at (865) 966-9938 to become a part of this incredible ministry. We look forward to sharing a meal with you soon!

## Service Circle History

Service Circle began in January 1972 as an outgrowth of the Women's Society of Christian Service. Volunteers were recruited for many organizations: the daycare center, the church's Focus Ministry, the Play mobile, Mobile Meals, the Tutorial Reading Program, and to meet at the church and sew items for Eastern State Psychiatric Hospital and Hillcrest Nursing Home.

For a time Service Circle served as an umbrella organization for all these Church Street volunteers. Eventually the group who met to sew continued to meet at the church as "Service Circle". At first they were dependent on the generosity of individuals, Circles, and Sunday School classes for funds to buy needed materials. Donations of portable sewing machines and material were greatly appreciated. Later Service Circle became one of the interest groups of the United Methodist Women financed by the Commission on Community and Global Concerns.

Service Circle made pillows and nightshirts for Knoxville Rescue Mission, crib sheets for the church daycare center, tacked quilts for Wesley House, knitted bed slippers for wheelchair patients and caps for ambulatory patients at Lakeshore and Hillcrest. They made wheelchair caddies, catheter bag covers, and lap robes. One year they made Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls for Hillcrest North, draperies for Wesley House, heavy aprons for a vocational training group at Lakeshore, eight bedspreads for the Millertown Group Home for Boys and eight for the Girls Home. Lakeshore Mental Hospital received beautiful muumuus and pants suits.

In 2017, they continued to sew many of these same items, plus knitting and crocheting prayer shawls for distribution by the pastors through the Congregational Care Committee. Individuals made many items for sale and the proceeds from these sales were distributed to Susannah's House, Wesley House, the Soup Kitchen Ministry, Beacon of Hope, the Benevolence Team, and Family Promise. The Service Circle sent 90 little girls' dresses and 60 boys' shorts to Zimbabwe in June.

In October the Service Circle goes on an adventure together: Peggy Tillery's Cosby retreat, Verna McLain's lake house, the East Tennessee History Museum, a visit to Crossville, a craft show in Gatlinburg and lunch at the Apple Barn.

**Come and join us! We meet each fourth Tuesday at 9:30 in the CLC. Bring a sandwich. We always have dessert to share. Service Circle continues its ministry of service to the members of Church Street, the Knoxville community, and the world! You are welcome!**

my prayers  
my presence  
my gifts  
my witness  
God's glory

MY SERVICE

+  
COUNT  
ON  
ME

## 2018 Service Circle Production

### Island Home Health and Rehab

41 bibs

6 lap quilts

1 slippers

### East TN Children's Hospital

23 children's caps

139 baby caps

21 premie caps

### Congregational Care

78 Prayer shawls

### Missions

98 Little dresses

68 Little boys shorts

### Fund Raisers

16 Quilts

1 doll quilt and pillow

4 pillows

2 baby quilts

6 receiving blankets

4 baby pillows

7 small pillows and covers

10 zippered purses

36 kitchen towels

8 placemats with quilt inserts

28 fabric boxes

1 Christmas wreath

3 Christmas pot holders

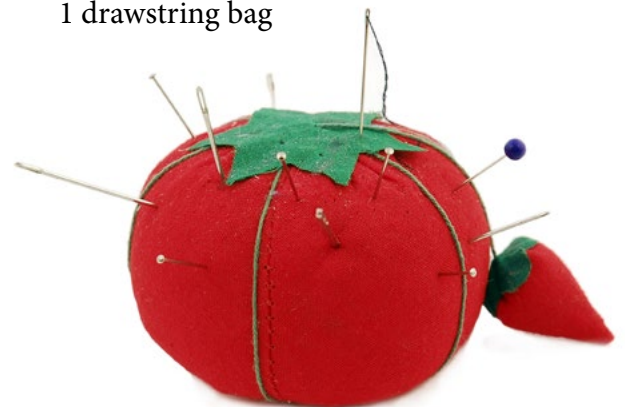
1 set of four quilted cup warmers

5 white totes with quilted pockets

14 red/green placemats

19 poinsettia placemats

1 drawstring bag





## Church Street United Methodist Women's Day Sunday, Jan. 20, 8:30 & 11 a.m.

We will be celebrating 150 years of continuous service internationally, nationally and locally. United Methodist Women members have led the way in countless endeavors of changing the lives of women and children across the globe. United Methodist Women is the largest religious based organization in the world with 800,000 members of women from all backgrounds and experiences compelled by their Christian faith to serve and lead in places near and far and in ways never imagined.

Rev. Palmer Cantler will be our speaker and Church Street UMW members will be participants in the services. Over 220 women at Church Street are members of circles, service groups, reading groups, Bible study groups and are in mission in our area of the world living out the purpose of United Methodist Women.

### Our purpose:

*United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is*

- to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;
- to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and
- to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global Ministries of the church.



## Chili Cook-Off coming! Sunday, Jan. 20 from 5–7 p.m.

Come to Parish Hall on Sunday evening January 20 for our 3rd Annual Third Grade Bible Chili Cook-Off. Cooks are invited to bring their best chili recipes and **all ages are invited to share their special talents.** There will be prizes for the best chili(s)! This is a free event with a donation option (proceeds benefit our third grade Bible fund).

To share your chili or help supply the toppings such as cornbread, crackers, cheese, etc., email Katryn Bancroft at [kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org) or sign up on the sheet in your Sunday School Packet.

## CLERGY CORNER

### Let's think together about . . . Interfaith Prayer

I remember the first time I participated in an interfaith event. As part of a youth theology program at Candler School of Theology, almost a hundred teenagers of different religious backgrounds gathered to pack books and talk about what their faith had to say about service. Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh, Jewish, Baha'i and Christian teenagers spent a hot summer day in Atlanta sorting through books that would go to libraries in orphanages around the world. When we finally sat down together to talk, the conversation began in the ways our respective holy texts emphasize service. If I ever find myself in the midst of an interfaith discussion to this day, I try to find commonalities through service.

Church Street has the wonderful opportunity to host this year's MLK Commemorative Commission Interfaith Prayer Service on January 16. Not only is this a special time to



honor our unity as religious traditions, but also to learn about a different faith. During that interfaith youth day, I learned from my Baha'i peers how their faith teaches them that serving other humans brings them closer into relationship with God. The Sikh teenagers taught us why they did not cut their hair and showed how to wrap their turbans. Each person brought forward a different element of their faith tradition to share with his or her peers. Not only did we grow in understanding of the faith of our neighbor, I can honestly say that the experience helped me to grow in my own faith.

I hope that you will join us in praying together on January 16. Singing and praying together gives us an amazing opportunity to find unity among the diversity of our neighbors.

—REV. PALMER CANTLER

I HAVE A DREAM  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
MARCH ON WASHINGTON  
AND FREEDOM

## Our Prayers

### Home from the hospital

Cynthia Greene, Barbara Paulson,  
Remonda Swafford-Alleyne,  
Pamela Reeves

### Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Kevin and Allison Gaddis on the death  
of Kevin's father, John Gaddis, who died  
on January 6, in Knoxville, TN.

Martha Jane Bushore-Fallis on the  
death of her husband, Jim Fallis, who  
died on January 6, in Florida.

The family and friends of John Fonville,  
who died on January 5.

John Waddell on the death of his sister,  
Linda Ervin, who died January 8, in  
Arden, NC.

### Our Presence: January 6

Sunday School 354  
Sunday Worship 632

### Our Gifts: January 6

Received toward Budget \$ 35,240.55  
Building for Christ campaign \$ 1,755.00  
Other \$ 10,858.75

## Building for Christ Capital Campaign Update

Total Project: \$8,600,000

Total Received: \$6,542,494

### 2018 Extended Capital Campaign

Goal: \$2 million

Pledges received: 86 totaling \$1,387,693

Amount needed to avoid debt: \$612,307

(\*As of December 6, 2018)

You may make a gift or pledge to the  
*Building for Christ* project today by  
contacting Kate Spencer at  
[kspencer@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kspencer@churchstreetumc.org)

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### January 13

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### January 20

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

## Our Church Family

### Birth:

Congratulations and best wishes to  
Hunter and Melissa Wier on the birth of their  
son, **Luke Hunter Wier** who was born  
on Dec. 12, 2018. Paternal great-  
grandparents are Jim and Barbara Langford.

### IN MEMORIAM

### John Fonville

Joined: 04/15/1962

Died: 01/05/2019

## Honorarium

### In honor of:

- **Pete Rowlett**  
*Benevolence:* Anonymous
- **Ann Marie Tugwell**  
*Accessibility Fund:* Katie Tugwell

## Memorials

### In memory of:

- **Polly Anna Harris**  
*Chancel Enhancement:* Paula Morrison
- **Dr. Toombs H. Kay, Jr.**  
*Building Fund:* Frank & Elaine Ralston

## Altar Flowers

### Sunday, January 13

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.

## The Sharing Shops

Thank you for continuing to share with  
our neighbors. Currently, we need:

- Children's coats & winter clothing
- Adult coats
- Blankets
- Men's boots

Thank you for your generosity!

## Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit written articles that you  
wish to be published in the January 15  
edition of *The Messenger*  
by **Sunday, Jan. 13 at midnight:**  
[jhill@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:jhill@churchstreetumc.org)

## Contact Us

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a message and the pastor will return your call.

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Minister of Discipleship Rick Isbell-266

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Music Associate/Organist Edie Johnson-277

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Bookkeeper Francine Jenne-267

Administrative Assistant Kelly Woods-262

Ministers' Secretary Emerita Loretta Best-280

Executive Secretary Doris Lively-271

Receptionist Brenda Flenniken-270

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