

## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

### UMW Sunday

**Sunday, January 20**

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

#### Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

Rev. Palmer Cantler

**"We Get the Job Done"**

John 2:1-11

### Noonday Worship

includes Holy Communion open to all

**Wednesday, January 23**

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).

### General Conference Special Session: Feb. 23-26



The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the **Commission on a Way Forward** based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. For details and a link to the report, visit [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)



#### 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.

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

We are 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.



United  
Methodist  
Women  
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

**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

### Third Annual Chili Cook-Off

**Sunday, January 20**

**5-7 p.m. in Parish Hall**

Come to Parish Hall on Sunday evening January 20 for our 3rd Annual Third Grade Bible Chili Cook-Off. Cooks

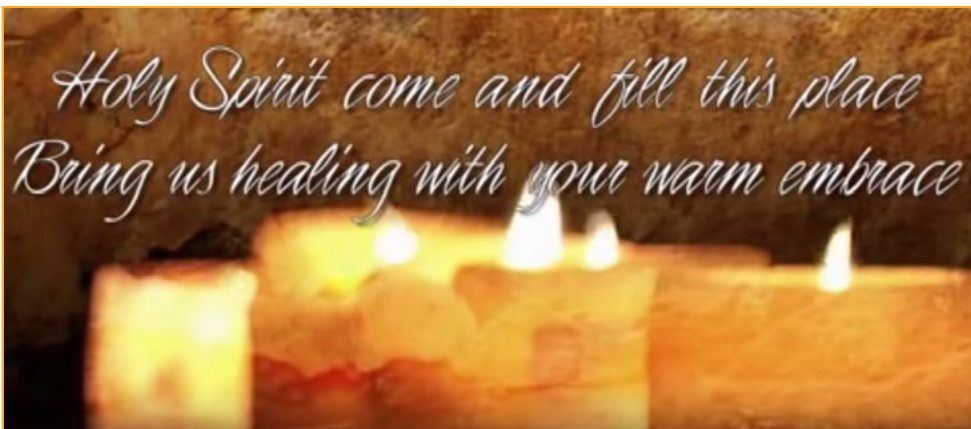
are invited to bring their best chili recipes. There will be prizes for the best chili(s)! This is a free event with a donation option (proceeds benefit our third grade Bible fund).

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).

### Building for Christ Time Capsule Placement Wednesday, January 23 at 5:15 p.m. in the Welcome Center

Come and join us as we place the time capsule into the north wall crypt. Members from the Building Committee and the History and Records Committee will be present as Dr. Dwight Wade gives a brief overview of the time capsule, its contents and purpose.

This will make Church Street's fourth time capsule and much has been learned over the years to help improve the quality and safekeeping of the contents; so when the capsule is opened by future generations the surprise and anticipation is met with delight as treasures and keepsakes are rediscovered.



## 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.



## 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!

## WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CHURCH STREET?

### 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 [blakecvallentine@gmail.com](mailto:blakecvallentine@gmail.com). Drivers must be 25 years or older.

## Calendar: Sunday, January 20 – Saturday, January 26

### Worship

Worship  
 Sunday, 8:30 am, Nave  
 Sunday, 11 am, Nave  
 Rejoice! TV Broadcast  
 Sunday, 8:30 am, WVLT-TV  
 Noonday Service with Communion  
 Wednesday, 12 pm, Chapel  
 (Lunch follows in room 118)

### 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

The church and preschool will be closed on Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### Meetings & Ministry

Stephen Ministry Training  
 Sunday, 1:30 pm, rm 201A  
 Board of Trustees Meeting  
 Sunday, 4:30 pm, rm 201A  
 Church Council  
 Tuesday, 6 pm, Chapel  
 Building Committee  
 Wednesday, 5 pm, Parish Hall  
 Soup Kitchen  
 Thursday, 11 am, Gym  
 Staff-Parish Relations Committee  
 Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A

### Beacon of Hope

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

### Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Open Gym  
 Sunday, 4 pm, Gym  
 Chili Cook-off and Talent Show  
 Sunday, 5 pm, Parish Hall  
 Wednesday Lunch  
 Wed, 12:30 pm, room 118

### Singles

Line Dance Lessons  
 Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym  
 Singles Council Meeting  
 Tuesday, 7:30 pm  
 Jason's Deli (Peter's Rd)  
 F.O.C.U.S. Group Dinner Outing  
 Thursday, 6:30 pm  
 Gosh Ethiopian Restaurant  
 Singles Game Night  
 Friday, 6:30 pm, CLC 124  
 Dinner and a Movie Night  
 Saturday, 4 pm  
 Jason's Deli (Peter's Rd)

### Youth

NightLife  
 Sunday, 5:15 pm, Youth Dept.  
 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)  
 Resurrection in Pigeon Forge (1/25–1/27)  
 Friday, 5 pm, Youth Department  
 (eat dinner, meeting, depart)

### 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

Have you remembered Church Street in your will?





## Lenten Devotionals

You are invited to take part by submitting an article for this year's Lenten Devotional book, authored 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!*, our TV ministry. They are a blessing to many.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the booklet will feature devotionals 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

## United Methodist Women welcomes Dr. Sharon Jean-Philippe

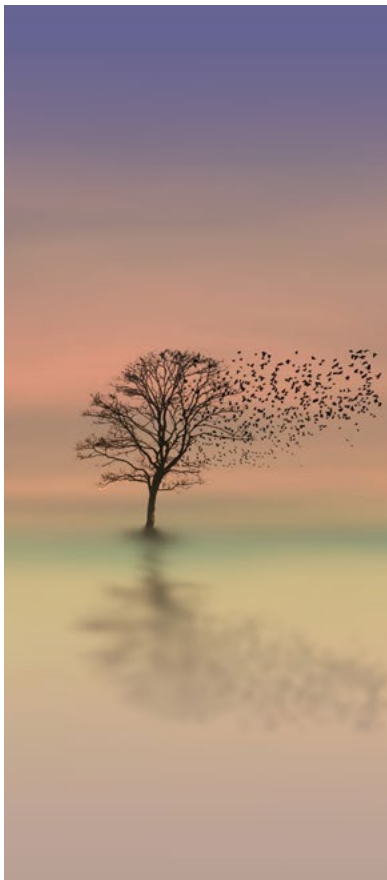
Dr. Jean-Philippe is an associate professor of Urban Forestry in Wildlife and Fisheries at the University of Tennessee. She will be talking on the importance of trees and other vegetation in urban areas helping to fight pollution, create habitats for wildlife, and protect against flooding while also giving beauty to our city. She is a dynamic speaker and has many humorous stories to tell while also giving a practical message on being good stewards of our environment. There might even be a few tips on tree climbing!

**Where:** the Chapel

**When:** Tuesday, February 12 at 11:00 a.m.

**Who:** All are invited

Luncheon (\$10) follows the program in the Parish Hall at noon. Reservations are requested; please contact the church office (524-3048) by Friday, Feb. 8. Contact Elaine Ralston (966-7215) to make childcare arrangements by Tuesday, Jan. 29 if needed.



## SINGLES EVENTS

### Singles Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Jason's deli on Peters Rd. at Kingston Pike

If you would like to help with the Singles' budget requirements, you may do so by contributing to Church Street UMC noting "Singles Ministry" in the memo. Thank you and God bless you for any and all help you can provide.

### FOCUS: Fellowship, Outreach, Christian Unity, Singles Thursday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m.

FOCUS this month will be dinner at Gosh Ethiopian Restaurant at 3609 Sutherland Ave (across from the UT sports fields). Note the change from the 3rd Tuesday to the 4th Thursday as Gosh is closed on Tuesdays. Mary Lewis is our host. RSVP with the office at [524-3048](tel:524-3048) so we can look for you.

### Fourth Friday Game Night

Friday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. in CLC-124

Join us for game night on each fourth Friday night for an evening of fun and relaxation. Enjoy Mexican Train dominos, Phase 10, Monopoly, Sequence and other fun games or bring your favorite game. Bring a snack to share and a drink for yourself (ice, cups and tableware provided). We will gather at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and play till about 9:30. Host is John Waddell: [865-405-8538](tel:865-405-8538), [j7waddell@aol.com](mailto:j7waddell@aol.com) for questions.

### Dinner and a Movie

Saturday, January 26 at 4 p.m.

Meet at Jason's Deli on Peters Rd. at 4:00 p.m. for dinner and then to a movie to be decided on by the group. Our host is Lois Smith, [865-386-5647](tel:865-386-5647) to RSVP and information.



### CPR & AED Training

Monday, Feb. 25 from 6–9 p.m.

Church Street will host a CPR-AED Training Session on **Monday, February 25 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in CLC 120.** The training, presented by the American Heart Association, will teach participants CPR for infants, children and adults.

The session costs \$35 per person (payable night of the class; cash and checks) and will certify participants in CPR and AED training for two years. To register, [call the church office](#) by Feb. 20. For questions, contact John Hollingsworth at [865-806-4477](tel:865-806-4477).



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

+  
COUNT  
ON  
ME

Music ministry has been the foremost way for me to become a person for others. On my church choir's annual "Youth Choir Tour," I have met hundreds of individuals with various religious beliefs, ethnicities, mental/physical capabilities, and socioeconomic statuses. Often, the audiences we sang for represented many or all of these descriptors.

On our most recent choir tour, the choir sang at a home for underprivileged, neurologically-impaired patients in rural North Carolina. We were asked to close our concert with "This Little Light of Mine." The song was a crowd favorite! Many of the patients joined us in singing, and I couldn't help but feel united with them. The energy truly gave everyone goosebumps. A room full of individuals of different ages, races, incomes, and disabilities were singing together, smiling from ear-to-ear, and forgetting our differences. I felt humbled to be a leader in such an amazing spiritual experience, and to provide some temporary relief from the daily stressors that the patients endured.

I have been fortunate enough to feel this unison on many occasions and speak with the audience members one-on-one after performances. My experience with the Church Street Youth Choir has allowed me to see that differences do not define us, rather it is our ability to work together in harmony that makes our differences small. Like Jesus, music is color blind and transcends socio-economic lines.

—MAX WARD



# + COUNT ON ME

Thank you to all who have turned in your Prayer Request sheet, *Lord, Here I Am to Serve* sheet and your Financial Commitment Card.

As of January 14, we have received 292 pledges for a total of \$1,427,171. We need at least \$286,466 more to meet the same budget as 2018 in 2019. If you have not made a pledge, please email Kate Spencer at [kspencer@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:kspencer@churchstreetumc.org).

The Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, and Stewardship Committee are aware of these figures and are working on a plan to move forward. We ask that you pray for these individuals in this decision-making process.

## Church Street United Methodist Church Financial Summary 2018 & 2019

2018		
Pledge amount	\$1,713,637	361 pledges
Pledges received	\$1,439,931	
Pledges uncollected	\$273,706	
	Budget	Actual
Annual Revenue	\$2,796,175	\$2,543,686
Annual Expense	\$2,796,175	\$2,674,760
Year-end Budget deficit		\$131,074
2019		
2019 Pledges	\$1,427,171	292 pledges
2018 Pledges	\$1,713,637	361 pledges
Pledge Deficit	\$286,466	69 pledges
2019 Budget Revenue	\$2,453,191	at 2019 pledge amount
2019 Budget Expense	\$2,761,629	less than 2018
2019 Budget Deficit	\$308,438	

## CLERGY CORNER

### Let's think together about Remembering our Baptism

In our worship service this past Sunday, we remembered our baptisms. Why do we do this? Remembering through Christian ritual is a different way of thinking about how we "remember" events. If I were to say, "I remember my high school graduation," I might tell you what I wore, and where it occurred, and who was there. I would tell you the story with words. But if I were to remember in the way we remember through Christian ritual, what I would do is dig my graduation gown and cap out of storage, put it on, play "Pomp and Circumstance," and physically re-enact the day in front of you.

"Remember your baptism," is language not of reminiscence, but rather anamnesis—a Greek word that we hear in the phrase, "Do this in remembrance of me." That phrase in the Gospels and the Great Thanksgiving calls us not to recall an image of the Last Supper, as if we had been there ourselves and could actually do that, but rather to remember all that God has done for us through Christ.

We are able to remember this in part because we have heard the scriptures.

When we celebrate Holy Communion, through our participation in the prayer we offer, and in receiving the gifts of bread and wine, the Holy meal becomes that remembrance and a means of grace for us. We don't just remember in our heads. We remember with our bodies as we physically and ritually re-enact Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

"Remember your baptism" is similar. In telling the story of Jesus' baptism, and ritually recalling our own baptisms, we remember the larger story of God's saving acts in history and the larger family into which we have been initiated by water and Spirit. For indeed, God's gift of the one baptism is offered to the whole world, to the church, and finally, through the church, to us as individuals.

—REV. DAWN CHESSER



Touching the water during Moments with God's Children

## Our Prayers

### *In the hospital*

UT: Sharon Murphy

### *Home from the hospital*

Brianne Huie and daughter Harrison Rose

### *Christian love and sympathy to*

The friends and family of Walt Sands, former Church Street Maintenance Supervisor, who died on Tuesday, January 15.

### Our Presence: January 13

Sunday School 367  
Sunday Worship 616

### 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: \$6,995,532

### 2018 Extended Capital Campaign

Goal: \$2 million  
Pledges received: 86 totaling \$1,387,693  
Amount needed to avoid debt: \$612,307  
(\*As of December 31, 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 20

Psalms 36:5-10  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11

### January 27

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalms 19  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21

## Our Church Family

### *Birth:*

Congratulations and best wishes to Garner and Brianne Huie on the birth of their daughter, **Harrison Rose Huie** who was born on January 8.

## Honorariums

### *In honor of:*

- **Norma Goff**  
*Building Fund:* Zoanne Bayer & Family

## Memorials

### *In memory of:*

- **Bob Goff**  
*Building Fund:* Zoanne Bayer & Family  
*Memorial Fund:* Jim Boehms
- **Dr. Toombs H. Kay, Jr.**  
*Building Fund:* Steve & Mary Ellis Richardson

## Altar Flowers

### *Sunday, January 20*

The Chancel Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Rachel Moncier by Herbert, Adam and Nicholas.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**If your cell phone, home phone, address, or email has changed, please notify the church office**  
**865-524-3048**

## The Sharing Shops

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

- shampoo
- deodorant
- laundry detergent
- dishwashing liquid

**We are NOT accepting clothing at this time.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit written articles that you wish to be published in the January 22 edition of *The Messenger* by **Sunday, Jan. 20 at midnight:**  
[jhill@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:jhill@churchstreetumc.org)

## Contact Us

**Church Office (865) 524-3048**

Hours: Mon.– Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fax number (865) 521-0288

**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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Children's Ministry Katryn Bancroft–282

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Executive Secretary Doris Lively–271

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