

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 3

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship with Communion

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

Rev. Chuck Starks

“Heaven Comes Home”

Luke 4:21–30

Noonday Worship

includes Holy Communion open to all

Wednesday, February 6

12 p.m. – Chapel

Rev. Palmer Cantler

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.



More than 29 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, \$143 million has been raised for local charities across the country through

Souper Bowl of Caring. **Beacon of Hope** is proud to be a part of the Souper Bowl of Caring. It is BOH’s biggest food collection drive of the year, providing much-needed food for the BOH Food Co-op.

This year, we’re operating over two weekends: **Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, and the following Sunday, February 10**, when the Scout Troop 32 and Pack 32 from the Vestal area will partner with us.

We’re asking for **canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat and, of course, soup**. Look for BOH collectors in our purple Souper Bowl shirts on **Feb. 3 and 10, at the Welcome Center, Parish Hall entrance and CLC hallway**. Help us feed our neighbors in need.

Lenten Devotionals

Submission deadline is Monday, Feb. 4

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 throughout the season of Lent. 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. Submit devotions to Barry Christmas at bearynoel@gmail.com by Monday, February 4.

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



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

Messages are forwarded to each member of the Holston Conference delegation.

Church Street welcomes Wil Cantrell Sunday, February 10 at 9:40 a.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 10 at 9:40 a.m. in the Parish Hall, the Rev. Wil Cantrell will present information pertaining to the Commission on a Way Forward and the upcoming General Conference Special Session to be held in St. Louis, MO, the last weekend of February.

Rev. Cantrell serves as Associate Pastor of Concord United Methodist Church in Farragut. He was elected to serve on the General and Jurisdictional Conference delegations from the Holston Conference in 2012 and 2016 and 2001–2005 Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council. Wil is the author of the recently released book *Unafraid and Unashamed: Facing the Future of United Methodism*. All are invited and encouraged to join us for this presentation.



Letters of Paul Disciple Study Orientation Session

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 3 at 4 p.m. in the Chiles Room, there will be an orientation session for persons interested in taking this Disciple Fast Track study on the Letters of Paul.

This 12-week study taught by Rev. Rick Isbell, will explore the many writings of Paul and their implications for today's living. The in-depth study will involve daily Bible reading and reflection outside of class, preparation of discussion questions and class attendance.

At the orientation session, persons will get to see the material and schedule, ask questions and see if this is something that would help them grow in their biblical knowledge and Christian discipleship.

A minimum of 8 persons is required for the course to be offered. The cost for the student book is \$15. For more information and/or to register, please contact Rick Isbell at risbell@churchstreetumc.org.

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.

Calendar: Sunday, Feb. 3 – Saturday, Feb. 9

Worship

Worship with Communion
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

Singles

Bridge Group
Monday, 6 pm, rm 201C
Yoga Class
Monday, 7 pm, rm 301
Line Dance Lessons
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Meetings & Ministry

Hospitality Team
Sunday, 12 pm, CLC 123
Stephen Ministry Meeting
Sunday, 1:30 pm, rm 202
Stephen Ministry Training Group
Sunday, 1:30 pm, rm 201A
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 124
Congregational Care Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 201A
Lay Leadership Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A
Properties Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
Soup Kitchen
Thursday, 11 am, Gym
Outreach & Welcome Committee
Thursday, 6 pm, rm 201A
Stephen Ministry Retreat
Sat, 9am–3pm, Lower CLC

Spiritual Growth

Disciple Fast Track Bible Info Mtg
Sunday, 4 pm, Chiles Rm
Dr. Wender's Bible Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 204
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

Youth

NightLife Super Bowl Party
Sunday, 5:15 pm, off-site
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)
Confirmation Retreat (Feb. 9–10)
Saturday–Sunday, Lake Junaluska

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Open Gym
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
Cocoa with the Kids (Preschool and church staff event)
Tuesday, 10 am, Preschool
Wednesday Lunch
Wed, 12:30 pm, room 118
Please RSVP to 524-3048

Beacon of Hope

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

UMW

Mildred Weeks Circle #9
Thursday, 6:30 pm, off-site

UT Dept. of Religious Studies Presentation

History and Race: The Letters of Paul in Antiquity and Modernity
In her lecture, Dr. Laura Nasrallah, professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at Harvard Divinity School, will discuss how the letters of Paul paradoxically fuel racial justice efforts and anti-Semitism in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. The lecture will be held on **Tuesday, Feb. 19** at 5:30 p.m. in Strong Hall, room 101 on the UT campus.

Food For Kids Packing

We will not pack food for the Food For Kids project during the month of February. Our next packing day is **Tuesday, March 19** at 5:30 p.m.

Golf Cart Driver Needed on Sundays

We need a volunteer to help on Sunday mornings driving the golf cart for the 10 a.m.–12 p.m. shift. To help or for more details, contact Blake Valentine at blakevalentine@gmail.com. Drivers must be 25 years or older.

A day to *remember*

SOUP KITCHEN CELEBRATION BANQUET FEBRUARY 14, 2019

All soup kitchen volunteers, active and former, are invited to join the **Day to Remember Soup Kitchen Celebration Banquet**. This elegant dining event is underwritten by memorials received in honor of John von Weisenstein, a Soup Kitchen volunteer alumni who passed away in 2018. It celebrates soup kitchen volunteers and guests as well as our re-entry into Parish Hall after months of anticipation.

Our guests will meet in the gym, our temporary home. After a brief time of fellowship, we will process to Parish Hall for our homecoming feast featuring an amazing menu including roast beef carved at a station, "real" dishes, silverware, cloth napkins ... our finest and our best. Soup Kitchen guests will be seated and served.

It will be a Day to Remember; plus, it's Valentines Day, and **Soup Kitchen is our love on a plate**. The festivities begin at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 14 in the gym.



*Katie Johnson-Webb, horn
& Fay Adams, piano*

Master Arts Series recital to be held on Tuesday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Katie Johnson-Webb and Fay Adams collaborate to present *By Women/For Women*, a recital which celebrates and gives representation to the contributions of women to the field of music. From the stunning *Sonata* for horn and piano by Belgian-born, Jane Vignery, to the newly-composed, *Nevertheless, She Persisted* (2017), by E. Knight, this recital will share the artistic voices of women who leave a legacy rich with the indelible marks of beauty, strength, and determination.

A Friendly Reminder about Parking

While we encourage everyone to use the convenient drop-off area at the new Welcome Center entrance, we ask that parking in the Magnolia Lot be reserved for vehicles bearing a handicap tag or plate, guests, and for those with special needs.

If you are able-bodied, please park in our other lots. Our Hospitality Ministry Team is striving to make parking as easy and accessible as possible by offering shuttle service to and from your parking lot via the golf carts. Carts are made available to ALL; please feel free to use them!

SINGLES EVENTS

Friday Fun Night and Dance Friday, February 1 at 7 p.m.

The Singles Ministry will host its monthly dance on **Friday, Feb. 1 from 8–10:30 p.m.** in the gym. Music will be played that is suitable for line dancing, swing, ballroom, country couples, and freestyle dance. Doors open at 7 p.m. for a line dance or couples dance lesson, starting at 7:15 p.m. Your \$8 admission (\$5.00 for students) includes the dance, lesson, soft drinks, snacks, birthday cake, and door prizes.

This event is a part of the ongoing outreach ministry of Church Street Singles. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Barb at barbarastinnett@charter.net



UMW Book Review Wednesday, February 20 at 1:30 p.m. in room 204

Nancy Christmas will be reviewing the book *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living* by Jessica Stonecypher. Members are invited to attend as well as guests.

Meditation Group Forming

Both clergy and health professionals continue to outline the benefits of adding the practice of personal meditation to our lives. Stress reduction and inner calm are prime motivators for many adherents, but studies also indicate benefits such as lowered blood pressure, improved sleep, a heightened immunity to colds, and an overall sense of well-being. If you are interested in becoming part of this church group, or if you have questions, call or email Gene Flint at **865-579-3304** (home), **865-743-7363** (mobile), gnsflint@charter.net.



CPR & AED Training Monday, Feb. 25, 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.**



CONVERSATIONS ON RACE Upcoming Events

Book Discussion

Sunday, March 3, 5–6:30 p.m.

It's time to start reading *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide* by Carol Anderson. This academically challenging and spiritually and emotionally harrowing book is well worth your time. We will meet in room 201C on March 3, to discuss this book after covenanting together for respectful and authentic conversation. Celia Ferguson and Rev. Leah Burns will facilitate the discussion.

Meet the Author

Sunday, March 10, 5–7:00 p.m.

Speaker Rev. Rob Lee, descendant of Gen. Robert E. Lee and author of *A Sin by Any Other Name: A Reckoning with the South's Past and Future*, will be at Church Street on Sunday, March 10. Join us in the Parish Hall at 5:00 p.m. for a presentation by Rev. Lee and an introduction to his new book, which will be available from booksellers in early April.

The SASH Committee

Our safety is their top priority

The men and women who serve on the SASH team have a deep interest and/or expertise in the areas of **S**afety, **A**ccessibility, **S**ecurity, and **H**Health. The group is comprised of security professionals (one, a former US Marshall), three experts in ADA regulations and requirements, an occupational therapist, medical professionals, and educators. They are also moms and dads, Sunday morning ushers, and the people who worship with us at Church Street.

SASH oversees details that most of us do not even notice and prepares for events that none of us like to think will happen. Because of their efforts, we benefit from a multitude of things, including:

- 3 AED devices that also contain trauma kits, as well as numerous first aid kits
- An advanced smoke alarm system and discreet police presence at Sunday services and other events as needed
- Staff and volunteers trained in the Safe Sanctuaries program to protect children
- Ushers and greeters trained to respond and/or reach a medical professional in an emergency
- Handrails, handicapped facilities, elevators and ramps, entrance carpets, hand sanitizer stations, and hearing devices


The SASH committee touches every aspect of Church Street to ensure a safe environment for all of us. Their hard work is necessary and appreciated!

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CHURCH STREET?

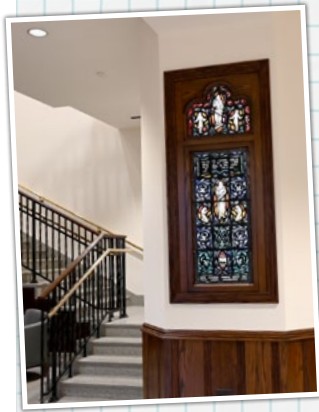
Church Street UMC Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather, the Senior Pastor and Church Administrator will make a determination by 6 a.m. whether the church and CSUMC Preschool will be open. Additionally, at noon another decision will be made if the church will open in the afternoon and evening activities will take place.

Closing information will be available on the main phone line, **865-524-3048.** Also, every attempt will be made to post information on social media.


BUILDING FOR
Christ.

(Below) The first of the newly moved stained glass windows graces the Welcome Center entrance. Windows rarely seen before are now back-lit and accessible for all to enjoy.



On Wednesday, January 23, the time capsule (shown at right) was sealed and placed in its crypt located in the north wall of the Welcome Center. The capsule contents were determined by the History & Records Committee and the utmost care was taken to package items so as to preserve them. Among the treasures are photographs of the construction, a chalice, a picture directory, brochures and booklets highlighting church life and ministries, and other pieces of interest.

Dr. Dwight Wade, Church Historian, gave a brief overview of the capsule, its contents and purpose before Keith Bailey sealed the capsule and placed it in its home for the next 75 years. A small plaque designates its location (seen just behind Dr. Wade in the bottom-right photo).





CLERGY CORNER

Let's think together about . . . loving in action.

This past Sunday, Rev. Chesser blessed us all with a wonderful message about how love is an action. The words given to her by the Holy Spirit are a charge for us to keep. Through love, our faith calls us to dig in deeper and continue to hold on to one another in the midst of fear. For those who are interested, the John Wesley sermon she quoted, "On Schism" can be found here: <https://www.umcmmission.org/Find-Resources/John-Wesley-Sermons/Sermon-75-On-Schism>.

Wesley began the Methodist movement with no intention to split off from the Church of England. On the contrary, Wesley hoped that the people called Methodists would find spiritual awakening through their class meetings in addition to attending Sunday worship at the local Church of England. So, when the Methodist movement in America caught on like wildfire, the movement had to adapt to the lack of ordained ministers in the new nation. With no one to administer the sacraments, Wesley appointed Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury as superintendents (essentially bishops) to help organize the Methodist people in America. Yet, Wesley himself still did not want to split from the Church of England. And so, this is where we find Wesley as he is writing his sermon, "On Schism" on March 30, 1786.

Two hundred thirty-three years later, Wesley's sermon provides a poignant message for Christians and Methodists today. Through the midst of our fear and strife, love, especially God's love, is what holds us together. No matter the reason that

our hearts grow cold to one another, God's love continues to provide the spark that warms our souls to our sisters and brothers in Christ. To love one another is difficult, messy and frustrating. Yet, I think back to the musical *Les Miserables* and the reminder, "To love another person is to see the face of God." May we continually search to see the face of God in each other.

As you meditate on our worship this week, remember Wesley's words that Rev. Chesser left us with:

"It is the nature of love to unite us together; and the greater the love, the stricter the union. And while this continues in its strength, nothing can divide those whom love has united. It is only when our love grows cold, that we can think of separating from our brethren. And this is certainly the case with any who willingly separate from their Christian brethren. The pretences for separation may be innumerable, but want of love is always the real cause; otherwise they would still hold the unity of the Spirit in the bound of peace. It is therefore contrary to all those commands of God, wherein brotherly love is enjoined: To that of St. Paul, 'Let brotherly love continue:' — that of St. John, 'My beloved children, love one another;' — and especially to that of our blessed Master, 'This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you' Yea, 'By this,' saith he, 'shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one another'" (II.1).

—REV. PALMER CANTLER

This past week a letter was sent to our members asking all who have already pledged to consider increasing their pledge and asking all who have not yet pledged to make a pledge in support of Church Street.

Already our financial numbers are improving. Our pledge deficit is now under \$200,000. Thank you!

It is not easy to keep asking, and we do not want to replace the joy in giving with a feeling of guilt or fear. Rather, we wish to inspire in you the feeling of camaraderie that comes when we join together to bring to fruition God's plan through Church Street. It is our hope that each of us experiences total trust in God brought only by salvation in Jesus Christ, "cheerful giving" in helping one another inside and outside Church Street, and the security of a loving family that is this congregation.

If you would like to make a pledge or contribute in any way, email Kate Spencer at kspencer@churchstreetumc.org. Thank you.

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	\$1,514,629	304 pledges
2018 Pledges	\$1,713,637	361 pledges
Pledge Deficit	\$199,008	57 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	

Our Prayers

In the hospital

Ft. Sanders Regional: Kim Simpson

Home from the hospital

Sandy Mann, Sheila Mathis

Our Presence: January 27

Sunday School 376

Sunday Worship 569

Our Gifts: January 20

Received toward Budget \$ 32,292.23

Building for Christ Campaign \$ 2,167.00

Other \$ 1,510.84



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

Have you remembered Church Street UMC in your will?

LECTIONARY READINGS

February 3

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

February 10

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Memorials

In memory of:

- **John Gaddis**
Building Fund: George & Lou McNutt
- **Mary Jo Gregory**
Building Fund: Seekers Sunday School Class
- **Raymond Gregory**
Building Fund: Seekers Sunday School Class
- **Walt Sands**
Building Fund: Jim Boehms, George & Lou McNutt

Altar Flowers

Sunday, February 3

The Chancel altar flowers are given in loving memory of Alan and Linda Fletcher by their daughters, Susan Edwards, Jennifer Maulick, and Amy Portnell.

The Chapel altar flowers are given by Jim and Barbara Langford in memory of their parents and Barbara's brother.

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 Feb. 5 edition of *The Messenger* by Sunday, Feb. 3 at midnight:
communications@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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