

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 10

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

Rev. Chuck Starks

"Is God's Plan Our Plan?"

Psalm 138

Noonday Worship

includes Holy Communion open to all

Wednesday, February 13

12 p.m. – Chapel

Rev. Dawn Chesser

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.

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 Unshamed: Facing the Future of United Methodism*. All are invited and encouraged to join us for this presentation.



tacklehunger.org

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 have spread the collection over two weekends. Last Sunday, Feb. 3 (Super Bowl Sunday) we collected over 400 cans! **The collection continues this Sunday, February 10**, when the Scout Troop 32 and Pack 32 from the Vestal area will partner with us.

Please bring lots of **canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat and, of course, soup**. Look for BOH collectors in our purple Souper Bowl shirts at the **Welcome Center, Parish Hall entrance and CLC hallway**. Help us feed our neighbors in need.

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.

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.**



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.

Letters of Paul Study to begin on Sunday, Feb. 17

It appears that we have enough interested persons for the Disciple Fast Track study on the Letters of Paul to be offered. The 12-week course will begin on **Sunday, February 17** at 4 p.m. in the Chiles Room. Persons interested in taking the course (and we still have room for more) must pick up their study book from Rick Isbell's office and be prepared with lesson #1 on the 17th. Cost of the study book is \$15. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Rick Isbell at risbell@churchstreetumc.org.

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 any guests.

Calendar: Sunday, Feb. 10 – Saturday, Feb. 16

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
 Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
 Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

Meetings & Ministry

Beacon of Hope Food Collection
 Sunday, Welcome Center, Parish Hall entry and CLC Hallway
 Stephen Ministry Training Group
 Sunday, 1:30 pm, rm 201A
 Benevolence Team
 Monday, 12 pm, CLC 124
 Sharing Shop
 Monday, 12 pm, Gym
 Worship Committee
 Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 201A
 Board of Trustees Meeting
 Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A
 Soup Kitchen Celebration Banquet
 Thurs, 11 am, Gym/Parish Hall
 Stephen Ministry Retreat
 Sat, 9 am–3 pm, Lower CLC

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Open Gym
 Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
 Wednesday Lunch
 Wed, 12:30 pm, room 118
 Please RSVP to 524-3048

Youth

Confirmation Retreat (Feb. 9–10)
 Saturday–Sunday, Lake Junaluska
 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)

Spiritual Growth

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

Singles

Lunch Bunch (after 2nd service)
 Sunday, Szechuan Garden
 Bridge Group
 Monday, 6 pm, rm 201C
 Yoga Class
 Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
 Line Dance Lessons
 Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym

UMW

Circle #6
 Monday, 1:30 pm, Parlor
 Circle #10
 Tuesday, 10 am, rm 204
 UMW Guest Speaker & Luncheon
 Tues, 11 am, Chapel/Parish Hall
 Circle #11, Mary & Martha
 Wednesday, 7 pm, Parlor

Beacon of Hope

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



Master Arts Series recital: 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.

Holy Land Trip Reflection

"And Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." Luke 2:19. As a child, I remember my mother and various Sunday School teachers trying to define "pondering" for me. During and since our January Holy Land trip, I've been pondering. Thanks to Rick and Sue's stellar planning, tour members had months in advance to prepare heart and mind for what we would experience; but even with that preparation, it all felt surreal to me when we were actually there. How could I be sitting on the Temple's Teaching Steps where Jesus taught? How could I be in a boat on the Sea of Galilee? How could I be in the dungeon in Caiaphas' House in which scholars believe Jesus spent his last night before the crucifixion?

I think the best explanation of pondering is actually "wondering about." It was with a sense of wonder that we visited the Temple Mount, Church of the Nativity, Shepherds' Field, Garden of Gethsemane, and King Herod's fortress, Masada. We walked the Via Dolorosa (the Stations of the Cross), we floated in the Dead Sea, and we sang the song, "Were You There?" near the crucifixion site. I think our group saw and did all of that with a complete sense of wonder.

Beyond what we saw and did, I also felt a sense of wonder about people—fellow tour members, strangers we met, and those who worked so hard on our behalf. We were led by Hana, whose "Guide" title is grossly inadequate; she is truly a scholar of all three Abrahamic faiths. Her lilting voice, via our headsets, kept us literally and figuratively together as we made our way through noisy city streets, closet-sized markets, and ancient ruins. Hana gave us the equivalent of a semester-length graduate course in seven days. I remember our bus driver, Muhammad, who skillfully negotiated razor sharp turns in unbelievably narrow streets. I remember nap-encouraging bus rides as well as lively meals and conversations with some 20 fellow Church Streeters and another 20 "strangers" who joined our tour group. They hailed from Arkansas, Oregon, and west Africa, and ranged in age from 25–65. Several of them chose to renew their baptismal vows in the Sea of Galilee as we watched in wonder. The Arkansas "Contingency," as they came to be known, included the "Singing Ladies," whose incredible gospel harmonies delighted not only us but also other visitors from around the world. A group of Nigerian pilgrims were visibly moved and enchanted as the Singing Ladies' voices rang out during one of their impromptu performances. During another serenade, one trio member needed a break, and Church Streeter Joy McCabe received the high honor of being invited to join the group. They exhibited "radical hospitality" to all tour members and anyone else they encountered. I found myself marveling at how quickly this common pilgrimage formed a bond that superseded denominational and geographic differences.

Some of what I remember will fade with time, but what I believe I will always keep in my heart and "ponder" is how our lives are now mysteriously linked to one another and to that very holy land. We will be forever enriched and connected by the sights, sounds, and feelings upon which we feasted for eight glorious days.

—SUE PIPER

SINGLES EVENTS

Lunch Bunch

Sunday, Feb. 10 at 12:30 p.m.

Lunch bunch will meet at Szechuan Garden on Chapman Hwy. following the second service. Host is John Waddell, 865-405-8538 or j7waddell@aol.com.

For a list of our regular weekly offerings, see the calendar on page 2.



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](tel:865-806-4477).

Vital Ministry Needs Volunteers

We are in need of two office volunteers on Sunday mornings. It is a great way to meet new people and provide a much needed service once a month. Right now we need one volunteer from **10 a.m. to 12 noon on the 1st Sunday of the month** and one volunteer from **10 a.m. to 12 noon on the 3rd Sunday of the month**. Initial training is provided so persons can answer the phones and answer basic information about church events. Plus, you don't have to attend any meetings! To inquire, contact Rev. Rick Isbell at risbell@churchstreetumc.org. It's a fun and easy way to be in ministry.

CLERGY CORNER

Let's think together about acolytes!

One of the things I love most about worship at Church Street is the importance of our acolytes in helping to lead worship. Not only do we have young people serving as acolytes on Sunday mornings, but we also have acolytes (and liturgists) who assist in our Wednesday Noon Communion Service.

Acolytes have been a part of the church in one form or another for nearly two thousand years. Our acolytes minister to the church by lighting our candles for worship and processing the cross and the Bible. They assist the ushers with our morning offering. And they assist the pastors with Holy Communion, baptism, and other tasks as needed. Each week four young people volunteer to serve the church as acolytes, fifty-two Sundays per year, plus at additional services. Our acolytes are wonderful to work with and very well prepared. Next time you are in worship, I invite you take a moment to thank these young people for their service and tell them how much you appreciate their presence in worship.

In contrast to our Sunday morning acolytes, our Wednesday noon service acolytes are adults who have been trained to assist the pastors in leading these weekly services. These men and women bring the light into the worship space and assist the pastors with Holy Communion. The first time I saw the acolytes at a Wednesday service dressed in their white albs it literally took my breath away. I have never served in a church that utilized adults as acolytes. What a grand tradition Church Street is upholding by expanding this ministry to include people of all ages, and offering more opportunities for laypeople to respond to God's call to serve in leading worship.

In the near future we hope to celebrate the work of our acolytes as part of our morning worship service. But in the meantime, do take notice of these amazing servants who graciously give of their time to make our worship services beautiful and ensure that things proceed smoothly. Well done, good and faithful servants!
—REV. DAWN CHESSE

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.

2019 College Scholarship Applications

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 24 to Jenny Cross's mailbox in the main church office. Announcement of recipients will be early May. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Cross at 865-521-0287 or at jcross@churchstreetumc.org.

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	

The table above shows our current financial summary. 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. If you have not made a pledge or would like to contribute in any way, please email Kate Spencer at kspencer@churchstreetumc.org.



Rick's Pick's for Lent

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6, The first Sunday of Lent is on March 10. It is now time for adult classes to think about their Lenten studies and to know what is available. Listed below are some Lenten related studies that I can recommend for classes to review for study. While I have not read all the studies, I can recommend them due to either familiarity with the material and/or the author. Please let me know if you have any questions and please do not wait to too late to order your study. Some of the studies have been done previously and can be found in our church library.

- *SIMON PETER: Flawed but Faithful Disciple* by Adam Hamilton, **BRAND NEW** 6 week + study with DVD, Leader's Guide, hardcover student book.
- *CREED: What Christians Believe & Why* by Adam Hamilton. Fairly new, excellent 6 week study on the Apostles' Creed. DVD, Leader Guide and student book.
- *He Chose Nails* by Max Lucado. 5 weeks study with DVD, Leader Guide, Student book.
- *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine. **BRAND NEW** 6 week study with DVD, book and leader's guide.
- *The Case for Easter: Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus* by Lee Strobel. **BRAND NEW** 4 week study with book, study guide and DVD.
- *The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I AM" Sayings of Jesus* by Rob Fuquay. Excellent 7 week study with DVD with leader's guide and book.
- *What Makes a Hero?: The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus* by Matt Rawle. 6 session study with DVD, leader's guide & book.
- *Final Words From the Cross* by Adam Hamilton. Good Lenten study with DVD, leader's guide and book.
- *24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton. Good Lenten study with DVD, leader's guide and book.

—REV. RICK ISBELL, MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP

JANUARY MISSIONS @ CS

Take a look at the ways Church Street United Methodist Church has been able to serve its neighbors this month!

SHARING SHOP

82 customers were able to shop at the Sharing Shop location at CSUMC. Guests could shop for clothing, toiletries, bus passes, and household items.



WHO DOESN'T LOVE BANANA PUDDING?

Guests at Soup Kitchen got a special treat in January as Jenny Cheatom made banana pudding. Bananas are usually offered as a fruit option (by the banana lady herself, Lynn Shanks).

FAMILY PROMISE

Our volunteers help to provide meals to 7 adults and 5 kids through Family Promise at Church of the Ascension. Family Promise helps homeless families stay together and develop a housing plan.



SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Speaking of Soup Kitchen, our dedicated group of volunteers helped to serve over 900 meals this month. Every guest is treated with a smile, great food, and dignity.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Each month, the Confirmation class collects donations for Food Co-op. In December, they collected 25 jars of pasta sauce and 32 packages of pasta.



INTERESTED IN MISSIONS?
PCANTLER@CHURCHSTREETUMC.ORG

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CHURCH STREET?

Our Prayers

In the hospital

Park West: Paula Buckner

Home from the hospital

Kim Simpson

John Longmire (to NHC Ft. Sanders)

Christian love and sympathy to:

The family and friends of Jacquelyn Bedwell who died on January 31.

Clay and Staci Stalcup on the death of Clay's father, Fred Stalcup, who died on February 5.

Our Presence: February 3

Sunday School 340
Sunday Worship 561

Our Gifts: January 27

Received toward Budget \$ 22,676.28
Building for Christ Campaign \$ 395.00
Other \$ 2,480.95



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

LECTIONARY READINGS

February 10

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

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

February 17

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

Our Church Family

Birth:

Congratulations and best wishes to Matt and Allison Thompson on the birth of their son, **Elijah Wells Thompson**, who was born on January 26.

Honorariums

In honor of:

- **Jenny Cheatham**
Building Fund: Anonymous

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Walt Sands**
Building Fund: Frank & Elaine Ralston

Altar Flowers

Sunday, February 10

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. W.C. Alford by their daughter, Sara Jane Alford Francis.

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 blakecvalentine@gmail.com. Drivers must be 25 years or older.

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. 12 edition of *The Messenger* by **Sunday, Feb. 10 at midnight:**
communications@churchstreetumc.org

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