

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 17
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

Rev. Palmer Cantler

“How Is It with Your Soul?”

Jeremiah 17:5–10

Noonday Worship

includes Holy Communion open to all

Wednesday, February 20

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.



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

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.

Coming Soon: Lenten Countdown

Lent is a season of preparation and discipline as we prepare our hearts, minds and spirits for Easter. However, instead of giving something up, **why not take on a practice for Lent?**

This year, Missions is asking you to join us in the practice of giving this Lenten season. On March 3 (the Sunday before Lent begins), booklets will be available with instructions about our Lenten Countdown. Beginning on Ash Wednesday (March 6), there will be an item listed in the booklet needed by our Food Co-op and Sharing Shop ministries. We are asking you to help us **collect 10 items total, 1 every 4 days in Lent**. Then on Palm Sunday (April 14), we encourage you to bring your 10 items back so that they can be blessed and distributed to our neighbors.

Lent is more than a time to give up eating sweets. We hope that families young and old might be able to join in this practice of giving together. Donating items we use every day, like detergent and snack bars, provides an opportunity to reflect together about what it means to give to others. Over the next couple of weeks, you will find articles in *The Messenger* about why giving is important to the Blake family, from the perspective of daughter, Hannah, and mother, Gabe. Please spend some time praying about the practice you develop this Lent. I hope you will join us in counting down to Easter by giving to those 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.

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.

Open Doors welcomes Rev. Andy Ferguson

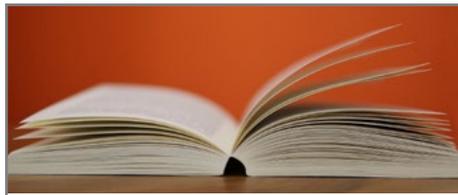
The Open Doors class invites you to join them **this Sunday, February 17 at 9:40 a.m.** in the Parish Hall as they welcome former senior pastor of Church Street, the Rev. Andy Ferguson.

Over two Sundays, Andy will help uncover **The Secret Life of United Methodists:** an affectionate and occasionally grumpy look at the character of United Methodists and the church we inhabit. Learn what makes United Methodist Christians...

- Faithful,
- Curiously distinct among Christians,
- Occasionally bewildered by our own kind.

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

The 12-week course begins this **Sunday, February 17** at 4 p.m. in the Chiles Room. Persons interested in taking the course 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.

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.

SINGLES EVENTS

Fourth Friday Game Night Friday, February 22 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**, j7waddell@aol.com for questions.

For a list of our regular weekly offerings, see the calendar below.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

If your cell phone, home phone, address, or email has changed, please notify the church office

865-524-3048

Calendar: Sunday, Feb. 17 – Saturday, Feb. 23

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
Adult Handbell Rehearsal
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm 303
Master Arts Series Recital
Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Nave
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

Meetings & Ministry

Parish Health Ministry Team
Sunday, 12 pm, Chiles Rm
Stephen Ministry Training Group
Sunday, 1:30 pm, rm 201A
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 124
Finance Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 204
Food Service Meeting
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 118
Missions Committee
Wednesday, 6 pm, rm 201A
Soup Kitchen
Thurs, 11 am, Parish Hall
Staff-Parish Relations Committee
Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A
Trustees & Properties Committee
Thursday, 5:30 pm, Nave

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)

UMW

UMW Book Review
Wednesday, 1:30 pm, rm 204

Spiritual Growth

Letters of Paul Study
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

Singles

Bridge Group
Monday, 6 pm, rm 201 C
Yoga Class
Monday, 7 pm, rm 204
Game Night
Friday, 6:30 pm, CLC 124

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

Open Gym
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
Pathfinders Class Social
Monday, 6 pm, Parish Hall
Wednesday Lunch
Wed, 12:30 pm, room 118
Please RSVP to 524-3048

Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit written articles that you wish to be published in the Feb. 19 edition of *The Messenger* by **Sunday, Feb. 17 at midnight** to: julie@churchstreetumc.org



A Public Service Announcement from our SASH team

Did you know we have three AEDs (automatic external defibrillators) at Church Street? In the event of sudden cardiac arrest, AEDs can be a vital part of increasing someone's chances for survival. Our portable AEDs can be found:

1. in the Church Life Center (outside the gym)
2. in the hallway outside of Parish Hall
3. at the top of the stairs in the Welcome Center

In the event of an emergency, anyone is allowed to retrieve and use one of our AEDs. **When a victim is identified:**

- ➔ Call 911 immediately.
- ➔ Initiate CPR.
- ➔ Identify someone to retrieve the nearest AED, open it, and follow prompts.

By taking these steps, the chance of survival is increased.

While our AEDs are designed to be user friendly and include easy-to-understand audio commands, you can learn much more about CPR and our AEDs at our next class, scheduled for February 25, 2019 at 6 p.m. In the meantime, please familiarize yourself with the locations of our AEDs! If you have any questions about the AEDs or the CPR class, please contact John Hollingsworth at [865-806-4477](tel:865-806-4477).

—JOHN HOLLINGSWORTH
SAFETY / ACCESSIBILITY / SECURITY / HEALTH

What Matters Most, A Study of Philippians by Karen Ehman

The world has always been full of trials, disappointments, temptations, fractured friendships, and financial hardships. Yet Paul's letter to the Philippians shows we can discover contentment and joy in the midst of it all by prioritizing what matters most—Christ.

Join us for this 7-week workbook and DVD study as you discover how to: **Banish anxiety and worry** by implementing biblical practices, allowing you to rest in the peace of Christ. **Reset** your negative patterns of thinking and **renew** your mind, adopting the attitude of Jesus. **Experience lasting joy** despite difficult circumstances. **Transform your life** by discovering your priorities and learning how to live them out.

This class will begin on **Wednesday, February 27**. We meet in room 201A from 9:30–11:30 a.m. The cost of the workbook is \$13 and will be handed out the first day of class. Childcare is available but must be requested prior to class starting. Please contact Juanita Cowles at [865-712-3262](tel:865-712-3262) or by email at Juanita.cowles@att.net to sign up or for more information.

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.



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).

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Come and help with **1 lesson** for a **5-week rotation** with the 1st through 5th grade classes. Contact Katryn Bancroft at kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org if you would like to help or want to find out more about serving in our children's ministry program.

Have you remembered Church Street UMC in your will?

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 Flintner at [865-579-3304](tel:865-579-3304) (home), [865-743-7363](tel:865-743-7363) (mobile), gnsflint@charter.net.

CLERGY CORNER

Together, Let's Think About ... Thankfulness

You may think that I'm being corny. But, I'm feeling a lot of **Thankfulness**. For what? For many things.

Perhaps **Thankfulness** sounds strange in these days. In Nashville, a recent graduate of Belmont University (age 24) was going for his dream of being a musician. He and his band were set to release their first CD in March. But he was shot to death by a group of 5 youth – ages 12 to 16 (3 girls and 2 boys). He had already given them his wallet and they wanted his car keys. So, they took his life.

Our church is struggling with financial issues. And our United Methodist denomination is trying to determine the best way to respond to LGBTQIA persons and decisions related to desires for full inclusion in the church.

At the same time, people we care about in this church and beyond are hurting, for a variety of reasons. Some are grieving the deaths of dear loved ones. Others are dealing with imminent end of life decisions. Others are dealing with the stormy seas of business decisions, marriage and family and raising children. These days can be very hard.

And yet, I choose to be **thankful**. I can't help it. I am still feasting on how very moved I was by our Parish Adult Choir singing Messiah several weeks ago on December 18.

Then, I close my eyes and I see once again, Christmas Eve and the Nave being completely awash in candlelight. And I did not want that evening to end. In a sense it still has not ended. I am **thankful** to hear our Youth Choir sing each Sunday. They are so impressive.

I am **thankful** for our Director of Ministry with Children, Katryn Bancroft. She goes to the 22 schools where our children are. She eats lunch with them and the friends they invite to the table. Our children love that. You might say, "the church comes to their school."

I am **thankful** for our Director of Ministry with Youth, Jenny Cross. In addition to everything else, she offers, each week, a morning Bible Study at a local restaurant. These youth get to receive some spiritual substance before the rigors of the day.

I am **thankful** for the Beacon of Hope + Benevolence Team + Sharing Shop + Soup Kitchen ministries. Each of these are offering Jesus in both word and deed. Our people care about people in the name of Jesus.

Does it sound corny to be **thankful** in the face of stormy seas? Well, I am **thankful!** And **Thanks Be To God!** Are you **thankful?**

Receive Christ afresh today!

—REV. CHUCK STARKS

Come Discover Church Street UMC

The next Discover Church Street class for all prospective members will be held **Sunday, March 3, at 4 p.m. in the Chiles Room** (located off the Parish Hall).

This is a great time to get to know more about the ministries of Church Street, The United Methodist Church and the process for joining this church. The class is led by Dr. Chuck Starks, Senior Pastor. You will be given informational materials, a building tour and supper. You will also have opportunity to ask questions.

Please contact the **Rev. Rick Isbell**, Minister of Discipleship, risbell@churchstreetumc.org or **521-0266** for more information or to let him know you plan to attend.

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CHURCH STREET?

Presentation on Way Forward draws crowd

Last Sunday, February 10, Rev. Wil Cantrell presented information about the upcoming General Conference Special Session including an overview of the major plans that will be considered. As part of his talk, Wil provided an informal, anonymous poll in which individuals in attendance could participate by selecting one of four options (listed below). This online poll could be accessed via smartphones and computers. The question posed was: **How would you describe your views regarding the Way Forward for the UMC?**

- A) **Traditional incompatibilist** (I would rather see the UMC split or expel some churches than allow for any additional form of LGBTQ inclusion)
- B) **Traditional compatibilist** (I have traditional views of sexuality, but I desire for the UMC to make room for those with views other than my own)
- C) **Progressive compatibilist** (I have progressive views of sexuality, but I desire for the UMC to make room for those with views other than my own)
- D) **Progressive incompatibilist** (I would rather see the UMC split or expel some churches than to continue to allow any discrimination against LGBTQ persons anywhere in the world)

Many who attended are curious to know the final results of the poll. The attendance count for the presentation was 250 individuals; of those, **96** participated in the poll. The results were as follows: A = 7%; B = 18%; C = 68%; D = 6%. Not much can be inferred church-wide from this small sampling; however, it was noted that even with our differing opinions, it is important to many that the church stay together.

A recording of the presentation has been uploaded to YouTube and can be seen by scanning the QR code at right or by following this link:

<https://youtu.be/nGI6M-Kpfd0>



FROM YOUR PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM

New Cholesterol Guidelines Released in 2018

“Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flows the springs of life.” —Proverbs 4:23

The American Heart Association released new guidelines for cholesterol management in 2018 to help healthcare providers prevent, diagnose, and treat high cholesterol. It is well recognized that **LDL-C, bad cholesterol, is the main component that contributes to fatty build-up and narrowing of the arteries called atherosclerosis.** A lifetime of exposure increases the risk of heart attack and stroke. This has led to a “lifespan approach,” even stating it is reasonable to **test children as young as 2 if there is a strong family history.** A healthy lifestyle (healthy diet and weight, and exercise) is recommended for all age groups.

RISK FACTORS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

The goal is LDL-C level <100. The decision to start medication is based on your LDL-C level, age, risk factors, and possibly your calculated 10-year risk of ASCVD (atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease). Major risk factors include cigarette smoking, hypertension, diabetes, and other lipid abnormalities. Additional risk enhancing factors include family history of heart disease or stroke, metabolic syndrome, chronic kidney disease, chronic inflammatory conditions, history of premature menopause or preeclampsia, and high-risk race (South Asian ancestry). (Metabolic syndrome is generally recognized as any 3 of the following: ↑ waistline, ↑ triglycerides, ↑ blood pressure, ↑ glucose, low HDL-C = good cholesterol.)

STATIN MEDICATIONS

Statins are first line medications for treatment. Generic names for these drugs end in “statin.” Selection of a particular statin and dose depends on level of reduction desired while balancing risk of adverse reactions and drug interactions. Level of effectiveness ranges from high intensity (≥50% reduction in LDL-C), medium intensity (30-49% reduction), or low intensity (<30% reduction). A rough guide is a 1% reduction in LDL-C gives approximately a 1% reduction in risk of ASCVD.

In general, a statin should be taken in the evening to be most effective since **the body produces higher levels of cholesterol during the night.** This is particularly true for shorter acting statins: fluvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, and simvastatin. Atorvastatin, fluvastatin XL, pitavastatin, and rosuvastatin are longer acting so could be taken anytime during the day.

DEALING WITH STATIN SIDE EFFECTS

As with any medication, side effects are possible. **Having a side effect does not mean you cannot take a statin.** An assessment by your healthcare provider will be needed to rule out other causes and evaluate extent of the problem. There are many drugs that can interact with statins to cause an increased level in the body, increasing the risk of side effects. This includes

some over the counter medications. Grapefruit or grapefruit juice will also cause increased levels of the statin, especially with lovastatin and simvastatin. **Make sure your healthcare provider knows all prescription and over the counter medications and supplements you are taking.**

Statin associated side effects include muscle symptoms (weakness, aches, pains), occurrence of diabetes in people already susceptible to diabetes, and liver toxicity (uncommon). Muscle symptoms have been observed in 5%-20%. These are more likely to be statin related if they occur on both sides of the body, involve the legs, start within weeks to months after beginning the statin, and go away after stopping it. **Once symptoms improve recommendations are to restart with a reduced dose, or a different statin, or a combination of treatments and monitor to see if symptoms return.** In people at increased ASCVD risk, the goal is to treat with a guideline-recommended maximally tolerated statin dose.

NON-STATIN MEDICATIONS USED IN COMBINATION

Some people may require the **combination of a statin and non-statin** to achieve desired results. Non-statin drugs that lower LDL-C include ezetimibe (provides additional 13-20% reduction), bile acid sequestrants (additional 15-30% reduction), and PCSK9 inhibitors (a new class of very effective drugs with additional 43-64% reduction). Drugs that lower triglycerides are fibrates and niacin.

Bile acid sequestrants include: cholestyramine, colestevlam, and colestipol. These drugs **work in the gut** and are not absorbed by the body, so that is where side effects occur. These GI side effects often limit their use. They can also **bind to other drugs in the gut**, blocking their absorption. All other drugs should be taken at least 1 hour before or 4 hours after one of these drugs.

The PCSK9 inhibitors (alirocumab-Praluent® and evolocumab-Repatha®) are **given by injection** under the skin every 2-4 weeks. They are **highly effective, but very expensive** due to the monoclonal antibody technology used to make them. (List price is approximately \$14,000 per year.) These drugs are reserved as add-on therapy only in **very high-risk people.**

DEVELOP THE BEST PLAN FOR YOU AND STICK WITH IT

When **developing a plan** with your healthcare provider, make sure you **understand your personal risk** for ASCVD, **options,** and **risks/benefits** of the plan. **Ask questions** and make your preferences known. **Discuss potential barriers or concerns** you may have for complying with the plan. **Then commit** to the agreed upon plan and follow-up! Remember those words from Proverbs 4:23.

—VICKY SHELTON, D.PH.
CSUMC PARISH HEALTH TEAM

Our Prayers

Home from the hospital

Paula Buckner
Charlie Rash
Lynne Taylor

Christian love and sympathy to:

The family and friends of Jim Lees who died on February 7.

Our Presence: February 10

Sunday School 400
Sunday Worship 658

Our Gifts: February 3

Received toward Budget \$ 93,717.91
Building for Christ Campaign \$ 16,792.00
Other \$ 5,702.95

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!

LECTIONARY READINGS

February 17

Jeremiah 17:5–10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12–20
Luke 6:17–26

February 24

Genesis 45:3–11, 15
Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40
1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50
Luke 6:27–38

Our Church Family

IN MEMORIAM

James R. (Jim) Lees

Joined: 7/18/1956 Died: 2/7/2019

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Walt Sands**
Building Fund: Pat Bellingrath,
Pathfinders Sunday School Class

Altar Flowers

Sunday, February 17

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given by Shirley Stanberry in memory of her parents, Helen and Harvey Sharp.

Sterchi Lodge Gifts

- **In honor of Tom & Ann Callcott from:**
Kathy Gardner
Kit Brown
Cecil & Carolyn Rowe
Elizabeth Johnson
Vicky Gardner
Margaret Callcott
Jeff & Brenda Wardeska
Allison & Anne Ensor
Rebecca Callcott
John Callcott
Andy & Celia Ferguson
Lynda Faulkner
Cassandra Buckner
Bennett & Mary Ellen Cox
John Thornburg
John & Cindy Hollingsworth
Jonathon & Lisa Cooper
- **In honor of Duane Simmons from:**
Kathy Gardner
Stephen & Alice Buckles
Kit Brown
John & Cindy Hollingsworth
Cecil & Carolyn Rowe
Anthony & Kimberly Morton
Cris & Anna Simmons
Vicky Gardner
Margaret Callcott
Jeff & Brenda Wardeska
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