

Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 3

Transfiguration Sunday

Worship with Communion

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

Messe "Cum Jubilo" by Maurice Duruflé
presented by the Parish Men's Choir
Acts 2:42–47

Ash Wednesday

includes the imposition of ashes

Wednesday, March 6

12 noon – Nave

6 p.m. – Nave

Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall
following the 12 noon service.

Lunch is \$8 and includes salad and dessert.
For lunch reservations, call 524-3048 or
email reservations@churchstreetumc.org.

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.

HAPPENING THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Communion music as we gather around the table

In response to this week's General Conference, please join us this Sunday, March 3 at 8:30 & 11 a.m. as we focus on unity around the Lord's Table. In lieu of a sermon, the Parish Men's Choir will present *Messe "Cum Jubilo"* by Maurice Duruflé at both worship services. The men will sing this mass setting within the context of the Service of Holy Communion. The work is based on the Gregorian plainchant *Cum Jubilo* and features a colorful, exuberant organ accompaniment.

General Conference Special Session information to be offered

At 9:40 a.m. in the Nave, information will be presented outlining the results of the General Conference Special Session. This meeting is intended for informational purposes and attendees will be encouraged to submit in writing questions they would like answered at a future meeting.

Youth Sunday school classes will attend this meeting with two exceptions: **Confirmation class** meets at their regular time and one **alternative youth class** will be available for those who prefer not to attend the meeting in the Nave. **All children's Sunday School classes will meet at their regular times and locations.** If you are scheduled to help in children's ministry, we still need you to do so. A recording of the meeting will be made available.

At 3:00 p.m. at Powell UMC ([323 W. Emory Road, Powell](#)), the TN Valley District will gather for worship and a debriefing from the delegation, which includes a video message.

Discover Church Street Now

If you or your family has ever thought about joining Church Street, then the next Discover Church Street class is for you. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining Church Street, then invite them to attend the class. Discover Church Street is a one-time class for all prospective members to learn more about the mission and ministry of this great church. It will take place on **Sunday, March 3 at 4 p.m.** in the Chiles Room (off Parish Hall). Led by Rev. Chuck Starks, Senior Minister, the class will be a time to share information about The United Methodist Church, Church Street UMC and also let participants ask questions about the church. A building tour and light supper is provided as part of the class. For more information and/or to reserve your place at Discover Church Street, contact Rev. Rick Isbell, Minister of Discipleship, risbell@churchstreetumc.org or 521-0266.

SINGLES EVENTS

Friday Fun Night and Dance

Friday, March 1 at 8 p.m. (Doors open at 7 p.m. for lessons, starting at 7:15 p.m.)

The Singles Ministry will host its monthly dance on **Friday, March 1 from 8–10:30 p.m.** in the gym. Your \$8 admission (\$5.00 for students) includes the dance, lesson, soft drinks, snacks, birthday cake, and door prizes. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Barb at barbarastinnett@charter.net.

Annual Singles Kick-Off Dinner: Friday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

Save the date for this annual event to be held in Parish Hall. More details to come!

CONVERSATIONS ON RACE

Upcoming Events

Meet the Author

Sunday, March 10, 5–7:00 p.m.

Conversations on Race is pleased to welcome Rev. Robert W. Lee as our speaker on Sunday, March 10 at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. He is the great-great-great-grand-nephew of General Robert E. Lee and has written a new book called *A Sin by Any Other Name: Reckoning with Racism and the Heritage of the South* which will be released soon. Longtime friends with Rev. Lee, Rev. Palmer Cantler was instrumental in arranging for him to speak at Church Street. Rev. Lee graduated from Duke Divinity School and after graduation began his ministry at Bethany United Church of Christ in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Realizing that this relative whom he had idolized had become “an idol of white supremacy...an idol of nationalism and of bigotry and of hate and of racism,” Rev. Lee began to speak out. After the events of Charlottesville, he spoke at the MTV awards, denouncing white supremacy and racism. He found that using his voice was unacceptable to some and dangerous for himself. His church, unaccustomed to such attention, asked him to resign. He is currently teaching at Appalachian State.

Rev. Lee has been interviewed on NPR’s All Things Considered and been a guest on ABC’s The View. His memoir tells of growing up in the South (as a Lee) and his front-row seat in the world of the white Christian majority. Rev. Lee shares how he comes to terms with his own awakening and understanding of racism and how power, privilege and position are all defined by the color of our skin. He will address how white Christians today continue to be complicit in a culture of racism and injustice. The book has been called a “love letter to the South, from

the South, by a Lee but one that points the way toward change and renewal.”

As we work to dismantle institutionalized racism in our world and in our churches, it is both crucial and helpful to learn from others on this road. We encourage you to join us on March 10 and to invite friends and others who will be interested in hearing Rev. Lee’s journey. There will be a limited supply of pre-release copies of his book available at the program. All are welcome. Please contact Pat Bellingrath at patbellingrath@gmail.com if you will need a nursery.

Book Discussion (new date) Sunday, March 31, 5–6:30 p.m.

We will meet at Second United Methodist Church to discuss *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. Celia Ferguson and Rev. Leah Burns will facilitate the discussion.

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CHURCH STREET?

Calendar: Sunday, March 3 – Saturday, March 9

Worship

Worship with Communion
Sunday, 8:30 am, Nave
Sunday, 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sunday, 8:30 am, WVLT-TV
Ash Wednesday Service in Nave
Wednesday, 12 noon & 6 pm

Sunday School–9:40 AM

Music

Youth Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm 306
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
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm 306

Beacon of Hope

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

Meetings & Ministry

General Conference 2019 Report
Sunday, 9:40 am, Nave
Stephen Ministry Meeting
Sunday, 1:30 pm, rm 202
Stephen Ministry Training Group
Sunday, 1:30 pm, Ft. City UMC
District General Conf. Debriefing
Sunday, 3 pm, Powell UMC
Discover Church Street Class
Sunday, 4 pm, Chiles Rm
Benevolence Team
Monday, 12 pm, CLC 124
Memorials Committee
Monday, 5:30 pm, rm 201A
Hunger Helper Market Committee
Tuesday, 6 pm, rm 201A
Properties Committee
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm 202
Soup Kitchen
Thurs, 11 am, Parish Hall
Stephen Ministry Training Retreat
Saturday, 9 am, Ft. City UMC

Youth

NightLife
Sunday, 5:15 pm, Lower CLC
Wesley House Tutoring
Tuesday, 4:15 pm, Wesley House
Shrove Pancake Supper
Tuesday, 6:30 pm, off-site
Youth Band
Wednesday, 6:45 pm, CLC 11
High School Prayer Breakfast
Thurs, 7:15 am, Chik-fil-A (W. Hills)

Spiritual Growth

Letters of Paul Study
Sunday, 4 pm, rm 201A
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 201C
Yoga Class
Monday, 7 pm, rm 301
Line Dance Lessons
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym
Singles Kick-off Dinner
Friday, 6 pm, Parish Hall

Leisure Activities & Fellowship

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

UMW

Executive Committee
Tuesday, 10 am, rm 204
Mildred Weeks Circle #9
Thursday, 6:30 pm, off-site

Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit written articles that you wish to be published in the March 5 edition of *The Messenger* by **Sunday, March 3 at midnight to:** communications@churchstreetumc.org

ASH *Wednesday*

Church Street will offer two opportunities to worship on **Ash Wednesday, March 6**. Both services will be held in the Nave and include imposition of ashes.

12:00 p.m. Worship

(Lunch follows, reservations required to the church office.)

6:00 p.m. Worship

(Childcare provided for infants through three year olds.)

keep watch and pray

Postcards from the Persecuted



Three haunting faces gaze at us this very moment. What do these three have in common? They represent the staggering number of believers who are persecuted for their Christian faith across the globe: **Saheb of Iran** is being held for trial for promoting Christianity, which carries a 10-year sentence; **Wasihun of Ethiopia** watched as a Muslim mob murdered his father; **Eti of Indonesia** was sentenced to three years imprisonment for leading Sunday school classes for children.

Open Doors World Watch estimates that **215 million Christians face significant levels of persecution** in our world today. They further reported that in 2018 alone, 3,066 Christians were killed, 2363 were abducted, 1,020 were raped, and 793 churches were attacked or demolished.

It is understandable that we are presently focused on the problems within our own denomination here at home; however, during this Season of Lent, let us also make time to peer outward, to consider our brothers and sisters in Christ who reside everyday in fear and terror, and to pray for God's protection and justice.

You are invited to **join fellow Church Streeters in lifting up a daily prayer** for particular persons who are suffering for their faith. This information is presented in the form of a postcard—one for each of the 47 days of Lent. Each card includes a photograph of an individual or group, a short theological reflection, and a prayer guide for each situation. Postcards from the Persecuted will be available around the church, beginning **Sunday, March 3**. Our Lenten prayers will be a major step in combating this pervasive evil. (Please, only one packet per family.)

—REV. JAN BUXTON WADE

Youth Shrove Tuesday

The youth will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake supper at the Hollingsworth home on **Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.**

Lenten Study

Dawn Chesser and Jan Buxton Wade will lead a six-week Lenten Study on Amy-Jill Levine's book, ***Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week***. The study will begin **March 6** and conclude April 10. We will meet in room 204 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please contact Rev. Dawn Chesser for more information at [521-0279](tel:521-0279).

Wednesday Lenten Services

On Wednesdays during Lent, you have the opportunity to worship at different downtown churches each week at noon. Church Street will host the first **Downtown Community Lenten Service** on March 13 at noon in the Nave. Lunch will follow in the Parish Hall, donations accepted. Please join us for worship and help us welcome our neighbors from other churches for this service. (The service is expected to last 30 minutes.)

Help us share Christian hospitality with our guests. Greeters and volunteers are needed to help direct guests to lunch. If you're willing to serve, contact Nikki Freeman at nikkifreemanrx@yahoo.com or Gabe Blake at gabeaaronblake.com.

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend. All services begin at noon with lunch to follow.

Week 1 – March 13: Church Street UMC (Nave)

Week 2 – March 20: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Week 3 – March 27: St. John's Episcopal Cathedral

Week 4 – April 3: First Presbyterian

Week 5 – April 10: First Baptist

GROW WITH THESE LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES THIS SEASON

Lenten Countdown

I love mission work. I've been so happy to take part in different mission projects since our family has been at Church Street. Mission work is not only be an opportunity to help others but also to educate people about issues. Mission projects can be a chance to meet new people and to grow closer with friends or family as you serve.

In our community, there are many people who need help. This Lenten season, you will have an opportunity to meet needs of others by collecting items during the Lenten Countdown. The items will go to Beacon of Hope and the Sharing Shop.

The Lenten Box project is meant to help us understand the needs of others. The items requested are things that the people may need but may otherwise be unable to get. While SNAP benefits, also known as "food stamps," provide people with assistance, they do not cover things like toilet paper, cleaning supplies, and toiletries. Because of this, Beacon of Hope and the Sharing Shop have many requests for these types of products.

The Lenten Box is a project you can do with your entire family. It can bring you closer together as you work on your project. You will add items to the boxes each week and read together about how they can help meet the needs of others. It is a time for fellowship and togetherness.

Missions are important, fun, and educational. Don't just take my word for it, though. I hope you will put together a box for the Lenten Countdown and see for yourself!

—HANNAH BLAKE

Lenten Devotional Books

Look for our 2019 Lenten Devotional book coming soon with weekly/daily devotions written by members of the congregation. The Congregational Care Committee has been working hard in collecting, collating, editing all the devotions turned in so that the book will be ready by the beginning of Lent. Many thanks to Barry Christmas, chair of the Congregational Care Committee for coordinating this special project. The booklet will be out soon in the literature racks around the church. Be sure to take one for your family.



CHURCH WIDE RUMMAGE SALE

HOSTED BY MUSIC, CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

APRIL 5 & 6 | 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM | CHURCH STREET GYM

WE NEED YOUR HELP...

to support the ministries of our church! During the season of Lent, we are encouraging one another to practice the spiritual discipline of decluttering - ridding our homes and lives of things that distract us or cause us frustration in order to make room for growth in our faith.

Our hope is that this practice of tidying might be mutually beneficial - we remove the clutter from our homes and host a church-wide rummage sale whose proceeds will allow ministry to thrive at Church Street

HOW YOU CAN SERVE:

DONATE ITEMS



We are looking for items in good condition that we can offer during this sale. We are interested in household items, furniture, clothing, toys, and other household goods. We will not be accepting TVs, computers, or books.

DONATE TIME



In order for this event to be a success, we need lots of people to commit to the project. Many hands make for light work! If you are interested in serving, please see then opposite side of this flyer for more details.

DONATE RESOURCES



Do you have a truck that could transport items before or after the sale? Do you have racks or displays that could be helpful for showing off the great items we receive? Do you love to bake? We have lots of ways that you can serve!

DONATE SUPPLIES



We are looking for:

- grocery bags
- shopping bags with handles
- bubble wrap
- tissue paper
- newspapers
- cardboard boxes

PLEASE CALL OR TEXT KATIE HEATHERLY AT (615) 712-4925 TO SIGN UP TO HELP

CLERGY CORNER

Together, Let's Think About ... General Conference

As I write this on Monday morning, the Special called session of General Conference has convened for the day. Delegates from around the world gathered for prayer and worship before beginning the business portion with hopes that the Holy Spirit will continue to move in that space. However, the morning edition of Holston's General Conference pinged in my email mailbox with the subtitle "Anxiety is rising." The tension that many of us have borne looking towards General Conference feels even more burdensome now that we can actually live-stream the conference. It is difficult not to stake all our hopes on the speeches and votes of this group of very human delegates.

A clergy friend of mine this morning shared that she is limiting her consumption of the General Conference live stream and choosing to be grateful. This clergywoman has followed the preceding events closely, contacted her delegates, and reached out to support those closely affected by the decisions of this conference. Yet, now that General Conference is in full swing, she has chosen to step away from social media and focus on naming what she is grateful for.

Gratitude might seem trite. I've not been able to fully step away from the constant coverage, but I'm choosing to list 5 things I'm grateful for each time I find myself getting anxious.

If nothing else, it is helping me remember that Jesus is central to this entire process.

This morning, I am grateful for:

1. An incredible morning of worship from Children's Sunday
2. Waffle House breakfast with my clergy group
3. The smell of the winter candle on my desk
4. A home that did not flood
5. A job where I get to daily remind people that Jesus loves them and they are precious

What are you grateful for?

—REV. PALMER CANTLER

Director of Communications Change

Julie Hill, our Director of Communications, has decided to resign her full-time position. However, she is continuing to serve on a part-time basis through the end of April while we search for and employ a full-time Director. We are grateful for Julie's hard-working faithfulness in this position and for her willingness to help us transition into a new Director. Julie's limited responsibilities during this time will encompass continuing the production of the *Messenger* and bringing into place a new website for Church Street. Thank you for your prayers for Julie and for the best possible candidate for this full-time position.

Jubilation 2019

Mark your calendar, **May 6–8**, at Mainstay Suites in Pigeon Forge for Jubilation 2019. Bishop Ken Carder will be sharing stories of his experience of being a caregiver of his wife, Linda, as they live with her dementia; gain insights as to who God is in this journey; and ways our churches can become dementia-friendly.

Brochures with registration forms are available in the literature racks. Registration deadline: Friday, March 29.

A Call to Prayer and Self Denial Service

On **Tuesday, March 12 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Chapel, United Methodist Women invites all who wish to participate with us in this special service.

Our guest speaker will be **Caryl Griffin Russell, MSN MDiv**, who is an ordained elder of the Holston Conference. The message she will share is entitled: **"The Healing Power of a Woman's Touch: Love in Times of Turmoil."**

Caryl served at First Broad Street UMC in Kingsport and as the Director of the Wesley Leadership Institute, which provides continuing education for pastors and lay leaders in the Holston Conference. Caryl lost her daughter Beth in a laboratory accidental exposure to a monkey virus while Caryl was in seminary. Her daughter's preventable death led Caryl to working with people facing crises and end-of-life situations, finding hope and life in that journey because of her experience of God through the faith community during this dark hour in her life. She and her late husband, William C. Griffin, MD, established the Elizabeth R. Griffin Foundation and Caryl serves in the extension ministry of the Foundation, which reaches around the world. The foundation works with global leaders, the Gates Foundation, universities, the United Nations, and corporations addressing some of the world's most imminent threats to health security and seeking the development of effective, practical, and sustainable solutions to meet international standards of practice.

The offering collected during our service will support programming and advocacy for children by the United Methodist Women worldwide.

A luncheon will follow the service. Please [contact the church office \(524-3048\)](tel:524-3048) for lunch reservations by Friday, March 8. If childcare is needed, please contact Elaine Ralston, aralston1025@tds.net or **803-1637** by March 5.



Our Prayers

In the hospital

UT: Sherrie Russell
Ft. Sanders: Ron Kyle

Home from the hospital

Lenna Harrison, Sue Roberts,
Erin and baby Avery Harlow

Christian love and sympathy to:

The family and friends of former
CSUMC custodian, Anita O'Dell, who
died on February 12.

Ron and Regina Jenkins on the death
of Ron's father, Jack Louis Jenkins, who
died on February 22.

Our Presence: February 24

Sunday School 279
Sunday Worship 673

Our Gifts: February 17

Received toward Budget \$ 39,681.32
Building for Christ Campaign \$ 13,077.50
Other \$ 1,266.00

Altar Flowers

Sunday, March 3

The Chancel altar flowers are given in loving
memory of Dr. George and Louise Zirkle
& Marilyn Zirkle Mize
by the Zirkle and Tapscott Families.

The Chapel altar flowers are given in loving
memory of Margaret and Charles Wayland
by Bert and Jennie Ritchie and family.

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.

LECTIONARY READINGS

March 3

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:12
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

March 10

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Our Church Family

New Arrival

Congratulations and best wishes to Rob and
Erin Harlow on the birth of their daughter,
Avery Mae, who was born on February 20.

Honorariums

In honor of:

- **Keith Biggers**
Benevolence: David & Nancy Lineberger
- **Dan Kelley**
Benevolence: David & Nancy Lineberger
- **Rev. Chuck Starks**
Pastor's Discretionary Fund:
Dr. & Mrs. R.G. Harrison
- **Ann Warwick**
Pastor's Discretionary Fund:
Dr. & Mrs. R.G. Harrison
- **Frank Word**
Pastor's Discretionary Fund:
Dr. & Mrs. R.G. Harrison
- **Dr. & Rev. Dwight and Jan Wade**
History Book Fund: Mona Wylie

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Jim Lees**
Building Fund: Lucretia Patton
Ed & Valerie Nicholson
Frank & Elaine Ralston
Memorial: Geoffrey Wolpert
Susan Pecuch
Pastor's Discretionary: Anonymous
Rejoice!: Paul & Susie Siler
- **Alvis (Junior) Lively**
Building Fund: Larry & Loretta Best
- **Walt Sands**
Memorial: Ed & Valerie Nicholson
- **Dr. Lynne Taylor**
Pastor's Discretionary: Anonymous

What qualifies as Special Needs Parking in Magnolia Lot?

- Any vehicle displaying a valid,
state-issued permanent or temporary
handicapped placard or license plate
- Any vehicle in which the driver or a
passenger has a chronic and/or temporary
condition for which "special needs park-
ing" accommodation is reasonable and
appropriate. Examples include, but are
not limited to: expectant mothers; parents
with infant(s) and/or toddler(s); reliance
on assistive equipment for ambulation
(including crutches or canes); cardiovas-
cular, pain, respiratory, balance, and neu-
rological conditions; vision impairments;
weakening effects of surgeries, cancer
treatments, etc.

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a message and the pastor will return your call.

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