



Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, June 16

*Trinity Sunday
Father's Day*

Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave
Spirit of Truth
Rev. Dawn Chesser
John 16:12-15

Wednesday, June 19

12 p.m. – Chapel
Rev. Dawn Chesser

Sunday, June 23

*Proper 7 - Second Sunday after
Pentecost*

Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave
#selfcare
Rev. Palmer Cantler
I Kings 19:1-15a

Wednesday, June 26

12 p.m. – Chapel
Rev. Palmer Cantler

Mark Your Calendar

Fifth Sunday Offering for Holston Home
June 30

HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET

Peace with Justice Offering on June 16

From the Democratic Republic of Congo where local United Methodist church members mentor former child soldiers, to a peace march organized by United Methodists in Iowa, to developing nonviolent strategies that address the cold war in the Korean Peninsula, Peace with Justice is a faithful and biblical expression of shalom. It calls the church to strengthen our capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world by saying, "Here I am. Send me." As one of the Special Sundays the United Methodist Church recognizes worldwide, on June 16, we share in the Peace with Justice offering to support ministries such as these across the globe.



Food Buckets for Zimbabwe: Thank you!

Thank you to all who contributed to our special missions offerings for the Holston Annual Conference this year! We collected 50 food buckets to send to our mission partner, Ishe Anesu Project, in Zimbabwe. Through your generosity, we also were able to contribute over \$1,200 to Holston's response to the Opioid Crisis. This church truly has a heart for serving others and many people will be blessed through these efforts.



Summer Kicks Off for CS Youth

Our Youth kicked off summer with their first Hang Time of season last week. A group gathered at Bruster's Ice Cream for a waffle cone and fellowship to usher in the start of their break. Each week while students are out of school, the youth department hosts an event all about spending time together and enjoying one another's company. Hang Time happens on different days of the week at different times of the day to (hopefully) accommodate each student's schedule at least once. They are one of our favorite events to do together! Our students also had their first Wednesday Bible Study of the summer, meeting at Chick-Fil-A and spending time together and in the Word. The summer is off to a great start for our Youth, and there is much more to come!



WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CHURCH STREET?

Calendar: June 16 – June 29

Worship

Worship
Sundays, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
Rejoice! TV Broadcast
Sundays, 8:30 am, WVLT-TV
Midweek Noonday Service
Wednesdays, 12 pm, Chapel

Sunday School 9:40 AM

UMW

Service Circle
Tuesday, 6/25, 9 am, rm-201A

Meetings & Ministry

Hunger Helper Market
Sundays, 8 am, Breezeway
Benevolence Team
Mondays, 12 pm, Office
Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 6/18, 6 pm, rm-204
Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, 6/19, 5:30 pm,
rm-201A
Memorials Committee
Monday, 6/24, 5:30 pm,
rm-201A
Men of God Group
Tuesdays, 10 am, rm-202

Meetings & Ministry

Sharing Shop
Monday, 6/24, 12 pm
CLC-126
Soup Kitchen
Thursdays, 11 am, Parish Hall

Singles

Bridge Group
Mondays, 6 pm, rm-201C
Yoga Class
Mondays, 7 pm, rm-204
Line Dance Lessons
Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Gym
Game Night
Friday, 6/28, 6:30 pm, CLC-124

Youth

Youth Bible Study
Wednesdays, 10 am, off-site

Children

Vacation Bible School
Monday, 6/24-Thursday, 6/27,
Dinner, 5:15 pm & Program, 6
pm, Parish Hall

Beacon of Hope

BOH Benevolence Team
Tuesdays, 12 pm, Vestal UMC
BOH Food Co-Op
Thursday, 6/20, 9:30 am, Vestal
UMC

Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit written articles and photos that you wish to be published in the next bi-weekly edition of *The Messenger* by Friday, June 21 at noon to:
communications@churchstreetumc.org



Words Are Not Enough

Words on the screen or on a printed page are not enough to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for the reception given for me on June 2. I was overwhelmed with joy in greeting all the persons with whom I have been in ministry these past 27 years at Church Street. Our times and ministry together have made me a better person, a better minister and a stronger disciple of Jesus Christ. We have done some great things together and we have accomplished a lot making disciples of Jesus Christ. When I think back over all the changes and challenges that

have come to Church Street, I think of the strength of this congregation in meeting those challenges and ministering to God's people near and far. Sometimes ministry has been messy, and sometimes we have seen the work of the Holy Spirit in doing great and glorious things among us. For all of our ministry together, I say thank you from the bottom on my heart.

I especially want to thank all the people who worked hard and hosted the reception. It was glorious. I want to thank the Staff-Parish Relations

Committee and the congregation for the wonderful cards and gifts given to me. I want to thank my family for being there in the good and difficult times of ministry. You have been my strength, my support and foundation. And, I want to thank my Lord and Savior for calling me into ministry and giving me the gifts and graces to carry out that ministry for 43.5 years. There is no better church at which I would have chosen to end my career than Church Street. Thank you for everything!

— Rev. Rick Isbell
Minister of Discipleship

Sunday, July 7:

Thomas Heffernan, "Death in the Amphitheatre: Why the Romans Persecuted Early Christians"



Rome was a pluralist society and normally tolerant of different religious practices. The Romans, however, saw Christianity as a socially disruptive cult, aimed at destroying the very fabric of their empire. Learn the reasons why the Romans thought this way and the influence of this thinking on the Roman legal system--and also about the lasting effects of these persecutions on Christians.

Thomas Heffernan is Professor Emeritus in English and Religious Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Sunday, July 14:

Rabbi Erin Buxt, "Judaism and the Afterlife: Jewish Views of Heaven & Hell"



Do Jews believe in Heaven? Do Jews believe in Hell? Come learn about the afterlife according to Jewish texts and other resources from Jewish history.

Erin Buxt is Rabbi at Temple Beth El, Knoxville

Sunday, July 21:

Alison Chapman, "Who was Satan? Perspectives from the Renaissance"



While the Bible has much to say about the nature of God, it says less about the nature of God's enemy, Satan. As a result, ideas of Satan have shifted over the centuries—sometimes he is seen as a terrifying physical force, sometimes as a comic folkloric devil, sometimes a beautiful and tragic fallen angel. Come here more about how earlier periods thought about Satan and what that history can tell us about how people thought about God.

Alison Chapman is Professor and Chair, Dept. of English, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Sunday, July 28:

Tina Shepardson, "God the Father(-in-Law): Early Female Saints as Brides of Christ"



Early Christian women were disadvantaged by a society that assumed they were inherently inferior to men, and women who devoted themselves as virgins to the church often faced strong opposition to their choice to renounce marriage and children. This lecture will place early Christian female saints, who were called Brides of Christ, in the long struggle over women's rights, reproductive rights, and the definition of Christian marriage and family.

Tina Shepardson is Professor and Head of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

SUMMER ADULT ELECTIVE SERIES

Join Church Street United Methodist for the Adult Elective Series each Sunday in July. The series will take place at 9:40 AM in Parish Hall.

Free Hepatitis A vaccines given to Soup Kitchen Volunteers & Guests for Hepatitis Awareness Month

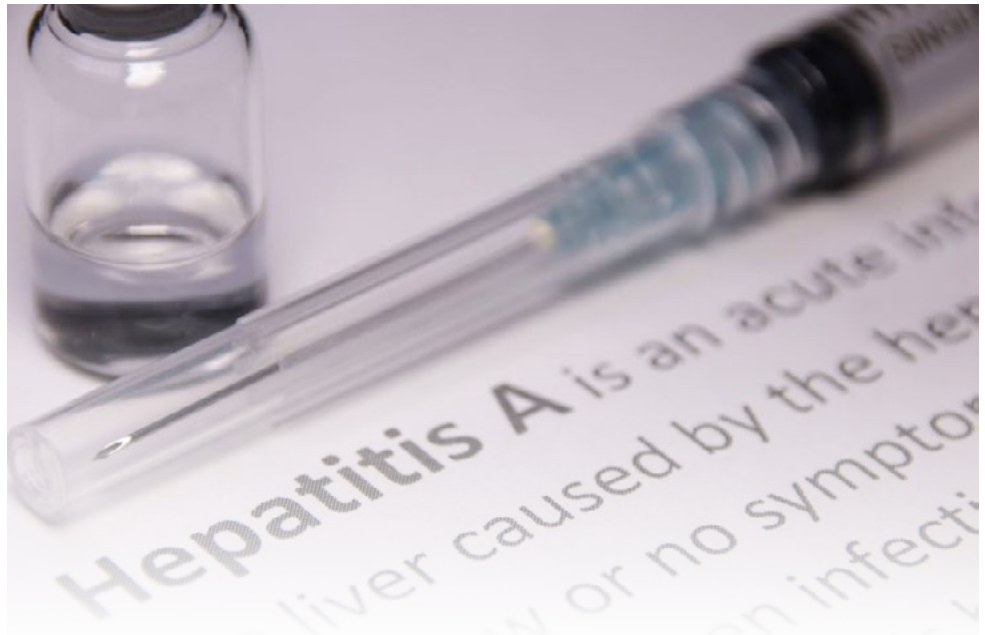
Hepatitis is inflammation of the liver which can lead to damage that affects its ability to function properly. It is most often caused by a virus but can also be caused by autoimmune conditions, heavy alcohol use, medications, and toxins. Symptoms are usually similar for each type and may include one or more of the following: **fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, dark urine or light-colored stools, joint pain, yellow skin or eyes.**

The most common types of viral hepatitis are hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C. They are spread in different ways and have different treatments; some are more serious than others. Information specific to each type is presented at right. Highly effective and safe vaccines are available for hepatitis A and B. There is no vaccine for hepatitis C.

The Knox County Health Department came to the Soup Kitchen on May 23 to administer the first dose of Hepatitis A vaccine to all volunteers and any guests that wanted to receive it, at no charge.* About 70 vaccines were given. Thanks to Parish Health Team members and Mary Cartwright for their efforts to make this a success!

By Vicky Shelton, D.Ph.
Parish Health Ministry Team

*The Knox County Health Department will administer Hep A vaccines at the BOH Sharing Shop on June 27.



Hepatitis A

Overall, cases have declined since 1995 when the hepatitis A vaccine became available. Multiple outbreaks have been reported in recent years, including in East Tennessee. Hepatitis A virus is found in the stool and blood of an infected person. It is very contagious and can be spread before a person feels sick. It is spread when someone ingests the virus from objects, food, or drinks contaminated with unseen amounts of stool. Even microscopic amounts of stool from an infected person can cause infection if ingested. People who get hepatitis A may feel sick for a few weeks to several months but usually recover completely and have no lasting liver damage. In rare cases, it can become more serious. **No specific treatment is available for hepatitis A.**

Hepatitis B

It is estimated that 850,000 people in the US have chronic hepatitis B. Hepatitis B virus is spread when blood, semen, or other bodily fluid from an infected person enters someone not infected. (Primarily through birth, sexual contact, sharing needles, or needlesticks or other sharps injuries.) Acute hepatitis B is a short-term infection (first 6 months). Some adults are able to clear it and may have few to mild symptoms. Chronic hepatitis B refers to lifelong infection. Likelihood of this depends on the age at which infection occurs. Up to 90% of infected infants will develop chronic infection, but only 5% of adults will. Chronic infection can lead to serious health problems including cirrhosis, liver cancer, and even death. **No specific treatment is available for acute infections. Antivirals may be used to treat some with chronic hepatitis B.**

Hepatitis C

75% of people in the U.S. with hepatitis C were born between 1945-1965, which is why all baby boomers should be tested. It is the leading cause of liver cancer and top cause of liver transplants. Hepatitis C is spread when blood from an infected person enters the body of someone not infected, most often through sharing needles to inject drugs. Before 1992 (when widespread screening of blood supply began), it was also spread through transfusions and transplants. Sexual transmission is possible. Tattoos and body piercings in unlicensed facilities or informal settings are other potential sources. Acute hepatitis C can range from mild illness to serious. About 20% of people are able to clear it in the first 6 months. Unfortunately, most people develop chronic hepatitis C. **New treatments exist that can cure >90% of people infected, but at a cost of \$1,100 per tablet.**

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council met on June 4, 2019 in the chapel. Verna McLain presented a thoughtful and moving devotion which concluded with all members joining in the prayer of Francis Assisi. Ministry reports were presented. Brenda Griffith updated all on the status of the food service program and the many things that are being done at this time.

Dona McConnell presented updates on the Beacon of Hope programs and the recent 5 year celebration, including the silent auction which raised \$4600. Committee reports were given by Finance, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Trustees, Properties, and Connections. After much discussion and two amendments, including additional language from the social principles of the Methodist Discipline, the Church Council passed the following Welcoming Statement for CSUMC:

"All are welcome at Church Street! We believe every person is of sacred worth and created in God's image. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, status, economic condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation. We respect diversity of opinion and expressions of Christian faith. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally! As God loves us, so let us love and serve in the name of Christ."

The Communications Committee will be presenting suggestions for the use of the newly endorsed statement.

New business included the acceptance of the revised Handbook for Ushers. During the open forum there were comments from both Church Council members and visitors.

The meeting concluded with words from Senior Pastor Chuck Starks encouraging us to pray and love one another. The next scheduled Church Council meeting is July 23, 2019. Tom Hood will present the devotion that evening.

Minutes of the June 4 meeting will be available to all in the office in July.

— Sally Lighter
Church Council President

The MANE Event is June 24-28

Rising 3-year-olds through rising sixth graders can join the VBS fun this summer with the theme *Roar: Life is wild; God is good*. Free dinner will be served from 5:15 to 5:50 p.m., and VBS takes place 6-8 p.m.



Please scan the code at right to register, or contact Katryn Bancroft for more details at: kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org.



VBS Volunteer Setup Sunday, June 23

After 11 am worship in the Parish Hall. All hands on deck appreciated. Contact Katryn Bancroft for more info: kbancroft@churchstreetumc.org



Faith and Finances Class Underway

Beacon of Hope is partnering with First Baptist Downtown to conduct a Faith and Finances class for our neighbors struggling with their finances. This is a 12-week program about managing finances, with a focus on considering money as a way to further God's work in the world and on experiencing Jesus' teaching in all relationships including our relationship with money.

Reminder to All Committees:

Please send a copy of meeting minutes to Kate Spencer, kspencer@churchstreetumc.org, and she will archive them on the server of the church for historical purposes. If you have any minutes from previous years that were not sent to Loretta Best, please send those to Kate, also.

Our Prayers

In the Hospital

UT: Allen Justin O'Hara
Parkwest: Ted Helms, Shirley Kanipes

Home from the hospital

Stephanie O'Hara

Christian love and sympathy to:

The family and friends of Marylett Robertson, who died on June 3.

Our Presence: May 26

Sunday School	232
Sunday Worship	363

Our Gifts: May 26

Received toward Budget	\$ 67,817.43
Building for Christ Campaign	\$ 1,420.00
Hunger Helper	\$445.00
Other	\$ 5,553.55

Our Presence: June 2

Sunday School	390
Sunday Worship	647

Our Gifts: June 2

Received toward Budget	\$ 51,588.01
Building for Christ Campaign	\$ 3,435.00
Hunger Helper	\$221.50
Other	\$ 5,932.34

Honorariums

In honor of:

- **Dona McConnell**
Beacon of Hope: Frank & Clatty Word, Jr.
- **Jan Buxton-Wade**
Spiritual Enrichment Fund: Mike & Lynda Faulkner, Bruce & Lisa Naro
Building Fund: Dash Roberts & Family
- **Rick Isbell**
Building Fund: Anonymous
Education: Nancy & Barry Christmas
- **Eddie Johnson**
Music: John & Cindy Hollingsworth
- **Tim Ward**
Music: John & Cindy Hollingsworth
- **Nancy Starnes**
Soup Kitchen: Anonymous

Our Church Family

IN MEMORIAM

Marylett Robertson

Joined: 1/08/1956

Died: 6/03/2019

Weddings

Keslee Faulkner and Eric Chessor were married June 1 at Church Street with Rev. Dr. Jan Buxton Wade officiating.

Kelsey Baker and Davis Altshuler were married June 8 at Church Street with Rev. Dr. Dawn Chesser officiating.

New Arrival

Allen Justin O'Hara was born to parents **Stephanie and Justin O'Hara** on May 24 at UT Hospital.

LECTIONARY READINGS

June 16

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalms 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

June 23

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

Isaiah 65:1-9

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Altar Flowers

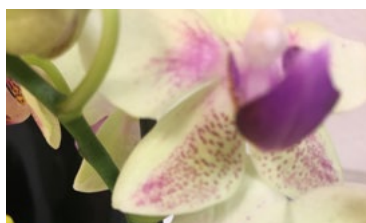
June 16

The Chancel altar flowers are given in memory of Rev. Tom Redding by loving family: Gail Redding, Kevin Redding, and Missy Taylor.

June 23

The Chancel altar flowers are given in memory of Polly Anna and David J. Harris, Sr., by David and Patti Harris.

The Chapel altar flowers are given in memory of Jim Hung by Sue Hung.



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