



Worship OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 15

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave
Words God Never Says
Rev. Chuck Starks
Luke 15:1-10

Wednesday, September 18

12 p.m. – Chapel
Rev. Dawn Chesser
Lunch in Parish Hall at 12:30 pm (\$8.00)
Reservations may be made by calling
524-3048

Upcoming Singles Events

9/17: FOCUS with local historian
Laura Still

9/27: Fourth Friday Game Night
(6:30 pm, CLC)

9/28: Road Trip to Brushy Mountain
Maximum Security Prison
(meet at 9 am at Church)

Line Dancing: Every Thursday at
6:30 pm in the Gym

Yoga: resumes on Monday, 9/23, at
7 pm in Room 204.

Bridge Group: Every Monday at 6
pm in Room 201-C.

*For more info or to reserve your
spot at these events, call the Church
Office: 524-3048.*

HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET

Discover Church Street This Sunday

Discover Church Street is a membership class offered to all prospective members before formally uniting with the church. This class, led by our clergy staff, explores the history, beliefs and practices of The United Methodist Church, the mission and ministry of Church Street and the membership vows. The next Discover Church Street class will be Sunday, September 15, 5:00-7:00 pm in the Chiles Room. For more details about the class and/or membership, contact Senior Pastor Chuck Starks at 521-0260 or cstarks@churchstreetumc.org.

A. Orin Bishop Lecture Series

Please mark your calendars for two major events in the A. Orin Bishop Lecture Series this fall.

On Saturday and Sunday, October 19 & 20,

Dr. Gerald Borchert will return to Church Street for a study about the book of Revelation. Dr. Borchert has taught at many schools throughout the world and has been the dean of two American theological seminaries. A translator for the New Living Translation, he has penned over 200 articles and about 30 books including commentaries on John, Galatians, Thessalonians and Revelation as well as works on worship, evangelism, counseling and guides to visiting the Bible Lands—having taught and been in the Mediterranean world more than 50 times. Among his most recent works are *Portraits of Jesus for an Age of Biblical Illiteracy* (Smyth & Helwys) and *Jesus: Background, Witnesses and Significance* (Mercer U. Press). Times for this series: October 19 at 9:00 am and 10:30 am, and on October 20 at 9:45 am and 2:30 pm in Parish Hall.

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Next in the Master Arts Series:

Choral Evensong on September 29, 4 pm

As the close of day approaches, a Service of Choral Evensong will be celebrated in the Nave. Led by Church Street's Parish Adult Choir, Parish Youth Choir, and Chorister Choir, this contemplative time of worship will offer peace and restoration for the week ahead. Music by John Ireland, Herbert Murrill and William Smith. Help us spread the word by sharing the event on Facebook.



Calendar: September 15 - September 21

Worship

Worship
 Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave
 Rejoice! TV Broadcast
 Sunday, 8:00 am, WVLT-TV
 Midweek Noonday Service
 Wednesday, 12 pm, Chapel

Sunday School 9:40 AM

Music

Parish Youth Choir Rehearsal
 Sunday, 4 pm, rm-306
 Primary Choir Rehearsal
 Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-304
 Chorister Choir Rehearsal
 Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-306
 Kinder Choir
 Sunday, 5:15 pm, rm-212
 Handbell Rehearsal
 Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm-303
 Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal
 Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-306

Meetings & Ministry

Preschool 50th Anniversary
 Celebration
 Sunday, 9:40 am, Preschool
 Parish Health Ministry Team
 Sunday, 12:15 pm, Chiles Room
 Dr. Wender's Bible Study
 Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm-204
 Open Gym
 Sunday, 4 pm, Gym
 Discover Church Street Class
 Sunday, 5 pm, CLC-120
 Benevolence Team
 Monday, 12 pm, Office
 Sharing Shop
 Monday, 12 pm, CLC-126
 Finance Committee
 Tuesday, 6:00 pm, rm-204
 Ladies Bible Study
 Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm-201A
 Wednesday Lunch (\$8.00)
 Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Parish Hall
 Food Service Committee
 Wednesday, 5:30 pm, Chiles

Meetings & Ministry

Missions Committee
 Wednesday, 6 pm, rm-201A
 Pastor's Bible Study
 Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-204
 Soup Kitchen
 Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall
 Staff-Parish Relations Committee
 Thursday, 5:30 pm, rm-201A

Singles & Fellowship

Bridge Group
 Monday, 6 pm, rm-201C
 Line Dance Lessons
 Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym

Beacon of Hope

BOH Benevolence Team
 Tuesday, 12 pm, Vestal UMC
 BOH Food Co-Op
 Thursday, 9:30 am, Vestal UMC

Children & Youth

NightLife
 Sunday, 5:15 pm,
 CLC Lower Level
 Wesley House Tutoring
 Tuesday, 4:15 pm, Wesley House
 Youth Band
 Wednesday, 6:15 pm,
 CLC Lower Level
 High School Prayer Breakfast
 Thursday, 8 am, Offsite

UMW

Book Review - *One* by Deidra Riggs
 Wednesday, 1:30 pm, rm-204

Newsletter Deadline:

Please submit written articles and photos that you wish to be published in the next edition of *The Messenger* by Fridays at noon to: communications@churchstreetumc.org.

September is National Hunger Month

Food insecurity and the childhood hunger epidemic are global issues, and the U.S. and communities here in Knoxville are not immune. Lack of access to nutritionally-rich foods can carry long-term impact. Children who experience hunger are at risk of impaired brain development and motor skills, and they often struggle in school as a result. Here are some additional stats to remember, from Feeding America and Unilever, as we acknowledge and support efforts related to National Hunger Month this September:

1 in 6

number of children in the U.S. who don't know when their next meal will be

13 million

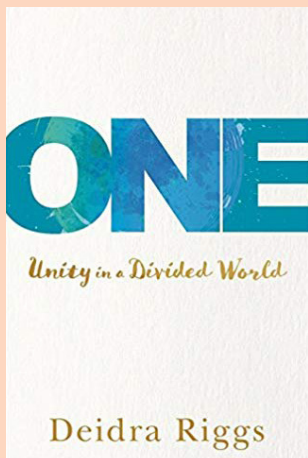
number of American children living in food-insecure homes in 2015

70 billion pounds

amount of food waste created in the U.S. every year, \$165 billion in wasted food

20 percent

percentage of food-insecure children whose households earned too much money to qualify for federal assistance



UMW Book Review on September 18

We will discuss "Education for Mission," and Rev. Pat Clendenen will review *One: Unity in a Divided World* by author Deidra Riggs on Wednesday, September 18, at 1:30 pm in Room 204. All are invited to join. Please contact Nancy Christmas for more information.



Lighting Repairs to Begin in Nave and Chapel

Crews will begin to repair and re-wire the lighting in the Nave and Chapel this month. This should not affect worship, but be advised that the week of September 23, when the repairs begin, the lights may appear brighter than usual until calibrations can be fine-tuned. Thank you for your patience and thanks to our facilities staff for overseeing this most important maintenance.

CLERGY CONNECTION

Together, let's think about ...

Hunger

Have you ever been hungry? Truly hungry? The kind of hunger that isn't satiated with a large dinner, but one that eats at you and makes it hard to focus?

Most of us have not. We have a limited understanding of hunger because we can easily go to the pantry or store and find something to eat.

However, for more than 42 million people in the United States who live in food insecure households, that is not an option. According to Feeding America, one in eight Americans struggle with hunger. For the 11 million children who face hunger

in the United States, school lunches might be the only meal they have each day. Jesus reminds us in the Lukan Beatitudes, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied" (Luke 6:21a, NRSV). But how will their hunger be satisfied?

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At Church Street, we aim to meet physical hunger in multiple ways. Through the Soup Kitchen, we serve between 150 and 230 trays of food each Thursday. Once a month, volunteers, led by Beth Stubbs, pack bags for Food 4 Kids, in relationship with Second Harvest. These bags are filled with snacks that

go home with children from South Knoxville Elementary and West View Elementary on the weekends.

The Beacon of Hope Food Co-op was able to provide about 10,000 meals to 76 individuals in 20 households in 2018. Most of the members of this Food Co-op also rely upon food pantries to subsidize their monthly food stamps.

September is National Hunger Awareness Month. **On Sunday, September 29, we will be collecting food items for Beacon of Hope's Food Co-op.** Please be on the lookout in next week's *Messenger* and Announcement Insert for what is needed. Let's satisfy the hunger of our neighbors.

— Palmer



Calling All Advent Devotional Writers!

You are invited to participate in this year's Advent Devotional booklet, written by members of our congregation to be used as inspiration during this joyous time of the year. Each devotion is a short reflection of your thoughts, feelings and/or personal experiences pertaining to this season. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what the birth of Jesus means to 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 the first Sunday of Advent, the booklet will feature devotions for every day through Christmas Day. Your devotion should include a title, a scripture verse with reference, a devotion text of no more than 250 words, and a closing prayer. Devotions should be submitted no later than Wednesday, October 16 to Barry Christmas at bearynoel@gmail.com.



Falling in Every Direction: Gravity and Grace, Women's One-Day Retreat

Somewhere around mid-life, gravity sets in. That mountain we've worked so hard to climb begins to crumble. We thought that we would have reached the summit by now, or at least an overlook on the way, where we would have a clearer view of the horizon, an assurance that we had risen above early-adult mix of over-confidence and confusion. We've learned how to perform pretty well. We've invested ourselves with achievement, acquisition of relationships and possessions and activities. We've been busy, and we have photos and resumés to prove it. We're also tired, bored sometimes, despairing over our aches and pains or the loss of friends and loved ones who sheltered us earlier in our lives. We keep bumping into our limitations and our same-

old mistakes. We wonder just where the next leg of our journey will take us. Where is God in this? Before, behind, above, beneath, within, without us. Tugging at us like gravity, teaching us how to fall into the freedom of grace.

You're invited to attend a Day Apart on Friday, 10/11, 9:30-2:30 at CSUMC, where Rev. Claire Keene will lead us in exploring the spiritual gifts of living "over the hill." Cost is \$30 for materials and lunch. Space is limited. For reservations or more information contact Rev. Jan Wade by 10/7 at jbwade@churchstreetumc.org. Scholarships are available.

Our Prayers

In the hospital

Shirley Kanipes: Tenova West

Home from the hospital

Bob Columber
John Longmire
Stephanie Strutner

Christian love and sympathy to:

The family of Jeannine Chapman, who died on September 9.

The family of Ron Kyle, who died on September 11.

Our Presence: September 8

Sunday School 342
Sunday Worship 516

Our Gifts: September 8

Look in next week's *Messenger* for the offering from September 8.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of 8/31/2019

Look for this information each month in the *Messenger* to stay updated on our financials.

Expected Contributions,

Year to date: \$1,334,266

Received Contributions,

Year to date: \$1,266,578

Shortfall \$67,688

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It's easier than ever to tithe and give to Church Street. In three steps, you can download, set up, and give directly from a secure mobile giving app. Please search for the GivePlus app in your App Store or Google Play, select Church Street UMC, and begin your donation.

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Our Church Family

IN MEMORIAM

Jeannine Chapman

Joined: 3/10/1957

Died: 9/9/2019

Ron Kyle

Joined: 11/12/1989

Died: 9/11/2019

Memorials

In memory of:

- **Michael Ford**
Music Ministry: David & Betty Craig
- **Gladys Cantler**
Soup Kitchen: Frank & Elaine Ralston, Aaron & Gabrielle Blake
Missions Ministry: Beacon of Hope Ministry
- **Reuben A. Hunter**
Master Arts Series: Pat Hunter

Honorariums

In honor of:

- **Ann Marie Tugwell**
Scholarship for Youth: Rebecca Adams, Lena Adams
- **Jenny Cross**
Scholarship for Youth: Rebecca Adams, Lena Adams
- **Tim Ward**
Master Arts Series: Rebecca Adams
- **Eddie Johnson**
Master Arts Series: Rebecca Adams
- **Tim and Terri Ward**
Master Arts Series: Don & Fran Wheeler

Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Charles and Frances Sterchi by their family.

LECTIONARY READINGS

September 15

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Exodus 32:7-14

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Contact Us

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