

## Worship OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, September 29

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

#### Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m. – Nave

*Hot Spots*

Rev. Dawn Chesser

Luke 16:19-31

### Wednesday, October 2

12 p.m. – Chapel

Rev. Jan Buxton Wade

Lunch in Parish Hall at 12:30 pm (\$8.00)

Reservations may be made by calling

524-3048

#### Advent Devotional Writers Needed

The Advent Devotional booklet, written by members of our congregation, is to be used as inspiration during this joyous time of the year. The booklet features devotions for every day through Christmas. Your devotion should include: title, scripture verse with reference, a devotion text of 250 words or less, and a closing prayer. Submit no later than **Wednesday, October 16** to Barry Christmas at [bearynoel@gmail.com](mailto:bearynoel@gmail.com).

#### Fifth Sunday Offering for Holston Home

This Sunday is 5th Sunday! We will receive an offering for the ministry of Holston Home for Children. You can give children and youth a better life, a good education, and a chance to realize the potential God has given them. Your generous gift lets them know you care.

## HAPPENING AT CHURCH STREET

### National Hunger Month Food Collection: This Sunday, 9/29

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. Please donate the following food items this Sunday (bring to the Breezeway): Cereal, Granola/Breakfast Bars, Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Condiments. Don't have time to shop? We'll do it for you -- a donation or Kroger gift card is always appreciated. Contact Dona McConnell for more information.



### Relief Kits for Hurricane Dorian Victims

Please bring all supplies and donations for relief kits this Sunday, September 29. You may bring your donations to the Breezeway. More information about these needs can be found at [www.umcmision.org/umcor/serve/relief-supply-network](http://www.umcmision.org/umcor/serve/relief-supply-network) and a financial donation can be made to UMCOR through Church Street. Simply add "Hurricane Relief" on the memo line of your check or on the envelope during the offering. Thank you for your generosity for Hurricane Victims.

### Master Arts Series: Choral Evensong This Sunday, 4 pm

Join the Church Street Parish Adult Choir, Parish Youth Choir and Children's Choirs for a beautiful choral service in the Nave at 4 pm on September 29. A reception will follow in Parish Hall. All are welcome!

### Fall Break Youth Mission Blitz, October 10-11

Join our youth for a Fall Break Mission Blitz on Thursday, October 10 and Friday, October 11 (lunch provided). Youth and their adult volunteer supporters will take on four projects over these two days:

*Mission  
Blitz!*

1. On Thursday and Friday from 8 am - 12 pm, we will be at **Wesley House Community Center** to help the Wesley House kids make laundry detergent, blessing bags, and hygiene kits for neighbors in need.
2. On Thursday, afternoon, we will have a work day in the **Youth area** at CSUMC.
3. On Friday, we will be at **Beacon of Hope** at Vestal UMC to help them transition their clothing offerings from summer to fall.
4. On Thursday and Friday, from 8 am - 5 pm, we will be working to **finish a deck** for our neighbors. Construction expertise/experience is needed from our adult volunteers for this project.

If you are able to help our youth at one or more of these projects as an adult volunteer, please contact Jenny Cross at [jcross@churchstreetumc.org](mailto:jcross@churchstreetumc.org).

## Calendar: September 29 - October 5

### Worship

Worship  
Sunday, 8:30 & 11 am, Nave  
*Rejoice!* TV Broadcast  
Sunday, 8:00 am, WVLT-TV  
Midweek Noonday Service  
Wednesday, 12 pm, Chapel  
Lunch (\$8), 12:30 pm,  
Parish Hall

### Sunday School 9:40 AM

### Singles & Fellowship

Bridge Group  
Monday, 6 pm, rm-201C  
Yoga  
Monday, 7 pm, rm-204  
Line Dance Lessons  
Thursday, 6:30 pm, Gym  
Friday Fun Nights Dances  
Friday, 7 pm, Gym

### Music

Evensong Rehearsal  
Sunday, 3:20 pm, rm-306  
Evensong  
Sunday, 4 pm, Nave  
Evensong Reception  
Sunday, 5 pm, Parish Hall  
Handbell Rehearsal  
Sunday, 6:15 pm, rm-303  
Parish Adult Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-306

### Meetings & Ministry

Dr. Wender's Bible Study  
Sunday, 3:30 pm, rm-204  
Benevolence Team  
Monday, 12 pm, Office  
Memorials Committee  
Monday, 5:30 pm, rm-201A  
Ladies Bible Study  
Wednesday, 9:30 am, rm-201A

### Meetings & Ministry

Properties Committee  
Wednesday, 5:30 pm, rm-202  
Pastor's Bible Study  
Wednesday, 7 pm, rm-204  
Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, 11 am, Parish Hall

### Beacon of Hope

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

### UMW

Executive Committee  
Tuesday, 10:00 am, rm-204  
Lydia Circle  
Friday, 12 pm, Chiles Room

### Children & Youth

Open Gym  
Sunday, 4 pm, Gym  
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

### 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](mailto:communications@churchstreetumc.org).

### Upcoming Singles Events

**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, Gym  
**Yoga:** Every Monday at 7 pm, Room 204  
**Bridge Group:** Every Monday at 6 pm, Room 201-C.  
*For more info or to reserve your spot at these events, call the Church Office.*

### Soles for Souls Collection

Donate shoes to Soles4souls, the Nashville based non-profit, by placing them in the Soles4soles box in the hall beside the Share Shop and Beacon boxes. They will accept ANY shoes—old, dusty and worn, high heels, boots and athletic shoes, even flip-flops (for men, women and children). Learn more about their mission by visiting [Soles4Souls.org](http://Soles4Souls.org).



### Getting Ahead Class Needs Lunches

Beginning October 1, Beacon of Hope will serve approximately 10 people in the next Getting Ahead class at Vestal UMC on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4:30 - 7 pm. BOH needs dinners to feed these individuals during their classes. If you are able to provide a meal, please contact Dona McConnell at 599-5047 or [beaconofhope@gmail.com](mailto:beaconofhope@gmail.com).

**Getting AHEAD**  
in a Just-Gettin'-By World



### TRUNK OR TREAT

CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Transform your TRUNK into a spook-ta-cular treat machine! Potluck Dinner, Car Decorating Contest, Candy, Games, a Movie, & Costumes!

**Sunday, October 27**  
Beginning at 5 PM

### HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Volunteer at a Halloween Carnival for kids in our Vestal Neighborhood! Activities for Families, Food & Candy, Face Painting, Crafts, & more!

**Tuesday, October 29**  
Beginning at 4:30 PM

## Altar Flowers

The Chancel Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Donald G. Rhodes by LaNoka and Grant.

## CLERGY CONNECTION

### Together, Let's Think About... *Jeremiah*

This past Wednesday at the noon service I preached about Jeremiah. The passage was from near the end of the book. After 31 chapters of the prophet warning the people that unless they confessed their sinfulness and repented of their evil ways, Jerusalem was going down. The armies of Babylon were closing in. The city was under siege. The enemy was literally at the gate, and the people were desperate. They had lost all hope.

Jeremiah himself was confined to the palace, where the King, Zedekiah had locked him up for prophesying that Judah was going to fall to Babylon. So there he was, in jail. And the word of the Lord came to him and told him that his cousin, Hanamel, was going

to come to him and offer to sell him a piece of land in the nearby town of Anathoth. This land was family land. It had been in the hands of Jeremiah's kinfolk for generations. The Lord told Jeremiah when Hanamel came to him, he should buy the land. And so he did.

At this dire moment, at the height of Judah's desperation and hopelessness, from his jail cell, Jeremiah buys a piece of land in Anathoth, outside of Jerusalem. Jerusalem, which was under siege. Why in the world would Jeremiah do such a crazy thing? Especially when he knew he was about to get hauled off into captivity. At first glance we might say it's because God told him to buy the land. But it's more than that. Jeremiah invested because he trusted God and had hope in the future, even though things at the moment were uncertain.

We are entering into the season of Stewardship at Church Street. Right now, things may seem uncertain in the church and in the wider denomination. We have had some struggles and discord in the past year. People may be asking whether they want to continue to invest when the future direction of our church seems unclear.

But the truth is, no matter what is going on—whether we are in a time of peace and satisfaction, or the enemies are at the gate—we invest in the future because we know our congregation is held in the hands of a loving and faithful God. I hope as you prepare to make your pledge you will revisit the book of Jeremiah, especially its final chapters, and act in faith, trusting that God is leading this church forward as God always has.

— Dawn

## CONFIRMATION

### Fast Track Confirmation Class for Adults in the Open Door Class

For approximately the next 8 months, the Open Door Class will feature a once-a-month session on important and fundamental faith issues.

Beginning Sunday, October 13, Rev. Rick Isbell, former Minister of Discipleship, will begin and lead the series using Confirmation-like topics, but designed for adults.

In October and November, Rev. Isbell will lead two sessions on The Trinity (God the Creator, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit). One's understanding and internalization of these three aspects of God provide much of the foundation

of our personal theology and faith practice. Recommended reading for the two upcoming sessions in October and November are:

- *The Will of God* by Leslie Weatherhead,
- *Why?* by Adam Hamilton, and
- *The Holy Spirit* by William Willimon & Stanley Hauerwas.

Future topics in the months ahead will include:

- Ways of Discipleship through worship, devotion, service
- We Are People of the Book: Exploring our Bible & How to Use It
- The History of the Church, the UMC & Church Street.

Look in *Messenger* for exact dates and topics of these monthly sessions. For more information, contact Barna Gibson.

### Falling in Every Direction: Women's One-Day Retreat

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. Call the front office at 524-3048 to make your reservation. Scholarships are available.



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### UMW General Meeting: Oct. 8

All are invited to join UMW in the Chapel on 10/8 at 11 am for Jean Wilhoite, MSN RN, Advanced Board Certified Holistic Nurse, and Healing Touch Certified Practitioner. Jean will discuss the topic **Spirituality and Health - The Effects of Stress on Mind/Body/Spirit**. Luncheon (\$10) to follow in the Parish Hall at noon. Please make reservations by contacting the church office (524-3048) by Friday, October 4. If childcare is needed, please contact Elaine Ralston (966-7215 or 803-1637) by Tuesday, October 1 so arrangements can be made.



### Book Signing with Betty Arnett

UMW invites all to join them on 10/13 at 3:00 in the Welcome Center to hear from Missionary in Alaska Betty Epps Arnett, aunt of Rev. Pat Clendenen, as she discusses and signs her two books (available for sale at event).

## In Conversation Together

Lend your voice, your thoughts, and your feelings to the important task of healing and building Church Street together this fall.

### The Work:

Scope: Dr. Craig Gilliam of Gilliam and Associates will spend time with a liaison group of lay leaders and clergy to gain background information and do pre-work, before convening facilitated opportunities for our entire congregation to be heard, in helpful and healing conversation with one another about:

- Who we are
- Where we are
- Where we need/want to go and be as God's church

Proposed Timeline: This Fall & Winter

- **Step One:** G&A to work with CSUMC leadership to prepare materials, outreach and background
- **Step Two:** Opportunities for congregational conversations and feedback with G&A
- **Step Three:** G&A makes a report to share with CSUMC
- **Step Four:** CSUMC reviews report and makes plans for next steps

### About Dr. Craig Gilliam and Gilliam & Associates (G&A):

Dr. W. Craig Gilliam has worked as a coach, educator, trainer, organizational consultant, and facilitator for 20+ years.

Dr. Gilliam is affiliated with the UMC and has been on staff for The McFarland Institute, a training and service counseling/therapy center in New Orleans; Just-Peace (UMC) Center for Mediation and Conflict Transformation in Washington, D.C.; The Center for Pastoral/Leadership Excellence in the Louisiana Conference, UMC; adjunct instructor at SMU, and a senior conflict transformation/resolution specialist for Arbing Institute. [www.GilliamAndAssociates.com](http://www.GilliamAndAssociates.com).

### What will they be asking us?

In carefully facilitated conversations and small groups, church members will have space and time to share the strengths, concerns, and challenges before us. One-on-one conversations and written feedback may also be solicited by the facilitators in instances where a member may not be able to or want to share in a group setting.

### Why now?

The UMC is in the midst of enormous transformation and change, and Church Street is as well. We must tend to all of the factors that influence our church body, as there is not a singular issue that is challenging us right now. And we need to do that ahead of General Conference 2020 to prepare for the denominational, conference, and church changes that may come.

### What are we expecting from this? Didn't we just conduct a survey?

The informal electronic survey taken over the summer garnered about 200 responses, and it was a step in this important work of learning where we are as a body. This survey showed us that church members LOVE this church, and it showed us a need to engage more deeply with one another to address and act on our strengths as a church, as well as our challenges, so that we can begin to develop and carry out a shared vision for the future. To be able to articulate our vision as a church body for our community, we need to work internally first, and to do that, we need some help having honest conversations about the work we have to do together.

### Who is leading this work?

Our clergy, lay leaders, and staff are working in partnership to bring Dr. Gilliam to CSUMC to execute this work. As a clergy and lay leadership *team*, we feel the time is right, ahead of the decisions to be made at GC 2020. We want this work to ensure our church is on firm footing and prepared for how the denomination, and Church Street, may need to address change.

### How do I participate?

Stay tuned for information about meeting places and times in the coming weeks and months. We hope to begin in *late October or November*, so that we may have data to utilize and guide us before the end of the year.

We ask that when you come to these conversations, you do so with your honesty, your love for Church Street, and a desire to be in partnership to make this a better place for all who enter and worship here. Please *pray* for this work's fruitfulness.

### I'm tired. Do I have to participate?

No. You don't. But we want you to have a safe and welcoming space to express your thoughts and feelings about the complexities of being part of such a diverse and large church body — *especially* if it means sharing the fatigue, pain, or discomfort you may be feeling. Having an objective and trained facilitator, who is intimately familiar with the goings-on of the UMC, should instill trust among us and hopefully will give us the renewed energy we need to practice healing and honestly conversing about the future of our beloved church.

Behold &  
Be Bold!

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS 2019



### **Church Street: Transforming Lives in Christian Community**

We live in a world where people are hungry for fellowship and community. According to a 2018 story on NPR, loneliness is not only on the rise in America, but young people are the most likely age group to be lonely.

The church is positioned with a tremendous opportunity to help feed the spiritual hunger and loneliness of the world.

For more than 200 years, Church Street has been a place of transformational ministry. My faith journey not only began but was transformed by the people of Church Street. It was a place that provided me a spiritual rudder for navigating the challenges of life and steering me toward opportunities in ministry.

Growing up at Church Street was where I learned for the first time what it meant to be part of authentic Christian community. *Koinonia* is a Greek word meaning fellowship, communion or "Sharing in the Gospel." One of the great strengths of Church Street is that it has always been a special community of diverse fellowship and loving community.

Church Street is a place that never gave up on me, never forgot me, never ignored me, and was a light in my life anytime darkness

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seemed set to take control. It a place that nurtured me as a child through vibrant children's ministries, sustained me as a youth with youth leaders and friends who were caring and loving, and empowered and equipped me as a college student and young adult to discern a call to full time pastoral ministry.

My faith and my understanding of Christian community was spurred on by love through the mission and ministries of the work, love, and extravagant generosity of the people of Church Street. Through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness, this is a critical mission that will continue to transform lives. Community through the love of Christ is the answer for transforming a hungry and lonely world. Thank you, Church Street, for continuing to answer that call.

Please respond generously during this stewardship season.

**Rev. Chris Brown**  
Pastor of Colonial Heights United  
Methodist Church, Kingsport

## Our Prayers

### *In the hospital*

Jantina Tallman: Parkwest

### *Home from the hospital*

Rev. Larry Best  
Kelly and Margot Ihnen  
Shirley Kanipes

### *Christian love and sympathy to:*

The family of Ray Bates, father of Marty Bates, who died on September 15.

The family of Helen Keener, mother of Rob Kenner, who died on September 22.

### **Our Presence: September 22**

Sunday School	342
Sunday Worship	570

### **Our Gifts: September 22**

Operating Budget	\$24,881.10
Building Fund	\$1,455.00
Other	\$4,803.00

## 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

### Give Plus App

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.

## Our Church Family

### *New Member*

**Janice McCoy** was received by transfer from First Baptist Church of Knoxville on September 22..

### *New Arrival*

**Margot Anne Ihnen** was born on September 20 at Fort Sanders Hospital to parents **Kelly and Luke Ihnen**.

### *Wedding*

**Keller Poore and Anthony Cosimano** were married at Church Street on September 21 with Rev. Palmer Cantler and Rev. Bill Fowler officiating.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### **October 6**

Lamentations 1:1-6  
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

### **October 13**

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

You are invited to join the Pastor's Bible Study to follow the lectionary, each Wednesday at 7 pm, rm-204.

## Memorials

*In memory of:*

- **Zurma Caldwell**  
*Music Ministry:* Verna McLain
- **Jeannine Chapman**  
*Capital Campaign:* Jim & Diane Bailes  
*Children's Ministry:* Rem & Louise Edwards  
*Music Ministry:* Verna McLain
- **Michael Ford**  
*Music Ministry:* Phyllis Bostick
- **Betty Pryor**  
*Capital Campaign:* Rev. Larry & Loretta Best

## Honorariums

*In honor of:*

- **Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cosimano**  
*Soup Kitchen:* Bill Stoess & Mary Cartwright
- **Tim Ward**  
*Master Arts:* Chris Craig & Ann Robinson-Craig

## Contact Us

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## Staff Directory

Dial 521-0 + extension

Senior Pastor	Chuck Starks–260
Senior Associate Pastor	Dawn Chesser–279
Associate Pastor	Palmer Cantler–298
Minister of Spiritual Enrichment	Jan Wade–264
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	Rev. Andy Ferguson, 865-806-0086
	Rev. Jim Bailes, 865-919-8328
Director of Music Ministries	Tim Ward–276
Music Associate/Organist	Edie Johnson–277
Children's Ministry	Katryn Bancroft–282
Child Care Coordinator	
	Sarah Burtch, 865-567-0913
Youth/College Ministries	Jenny Cross–287
Preschool Director	Beth Libby: 524-3511
Church Administrator	Kate Spencer–268
Bookkeeper	Francine Jenne–267
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Woods–262
Executive Secretary	Doris Lively–271
Receptionist	Nancy Keen–259
Part-time Secretary	Eileen Weber–278
Director of Communications	Katie Strangis –299
Sterchi Lodge Caretakers	
	Jack & Barbara Bratton, 828-622-3524
Maintenance Supervisor	Keith Bailey–295
Head Custodian	Jeffery Rose–274
Custodians:	Dedra Ellison, Robin Crain, Kevin Bailey
Beacon of Hope	Dona McConnell: 599-5047

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